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"Older than the New York Times"

Keehn Co-op to be eliminated for '04-'05 academic year

DKE to be renovated after fall semester

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR EMERITA

Keehn, the co-op style housing option located on the Kirkland side of campus, will officially close at the end of the semester, lowering the number of functioning on-campus college co-ops in the country to only seventeen. Internal problems, a lack of interest in co-op living and recent safety violations all contributed to the decision to close Keehn, said Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry; however, members of Keehn, including President Craig Hanchett '04, said that residents had addressed many of the Residential Life concerns and, while they understood continuing concerns, they were unsure why the administration chose to close Keehn at this point.

Interest in Keehn has declined over the last ten years. Since 1995, the co-op has only been filled to capacity during one semester, said Landry. Both in the spring lottery, as well as during mid-semester room switches, Landry said, Residential Life has had difficulty finding people who wanted to live in Keehn. "They were beds we really couldn't use, so it was a fairly sizable problem for our office," he stated.

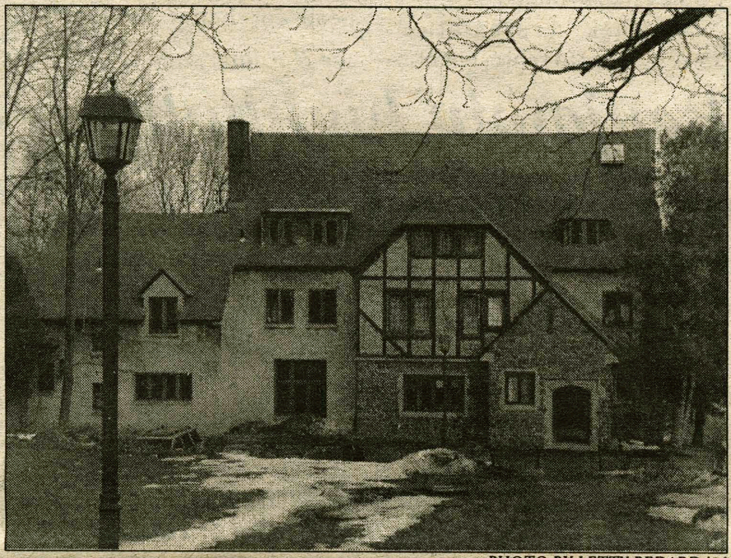

PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

The former DKE fraternity house will be renovated next winter, after the fall semester.

In addition, Landry said that during the fall semester, some residents of Keehn approached him with concerns regarding the meal plan and the division of labor within the co-op. Typically, every Keehn resident is responsible for a particular job, such as cooking meals or cleaning; however, residents in the fall raised concerns that a small number of residents took on the responsibility for all of the work.

Hanchett said that he understands the Residential Life concern, but that the co-op members had addressed the problem. "We had a lot of sophomores sign up for this fall and it took a while to teach them how things worked. Things have gotten significantly better this semester. People discovered their niche and have taken it up with a zeal," he explained.

Kate Wright '05 agreed, "I haven't seen the community this strong in a long time. Before this there was a really good feeling that we'd pull through the trouble that we'd been having."

According to Landry, other members of Keehn asked to be

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Adler draws 300 to discuss Hamilton's alcohol culture

by Christopher Takacs '05
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Speaking to an Annex crowd of more than 300, Elizabeth Dolan '05 opened the 2004 Adler Conference by remarking on the "outstanding turnout" of students, faculty, administrators and community members who had come together to discuss the year's topic: "Hamilton's Alcohol Culture."

The conference gave participants the chance to discuss alcohol in relation to community/college relations, student/faculty relations, campus-wide enforcement policies, the role of Greek life on campus, and athletics, and broke off into these smaller groups once the opening lunch was concluded. Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson stated that one of the major goals of the conference is simply "to make Hamilton a more fun place to be," but to do that, the conference had to first gather "clear ideas for specific initiatives regarding alcohol on campus."

Chris Fazio '06 commented on one of the reasons he attended the conference by saying, "our campus is shaped by alcohol culture rather than academic culture... and I thought this conference could shed some light on why this is."

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Bob Kazin gave a presentation during the lunch on statistical data recently gathered on campus alcohol and drug consumption, attitudes towards alcohol and drugs, and alcohol and drug-caused problems. Kazin noted that Hamilton, in almost all of the categories surveyed, had a significantly higher percentage of alcohol and drug consumption, as well as of alcohol and drug-related problems than other colleges and universities in America.

"The social norms campaign has not been successful on this campus," Kazin stated. "What I request of you is to

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Faculty renews Bridge Program

by Alexandra Sear '05
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The renewal of the Bridge Program and an address from President Stewart were the main items on the agenda of the faculty meeting this past Tuesday, March 2.

This was the first faculty meeting of the Spring semester; one scheduled for early February was cancelled due to lack of new business.

The meeting began with a motion from the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid to renew the College's Bridge Program, which allows high school students from surrounding towns to take classes at Hamilton. Professor of History Esther Kanipe made the motion and explained the need for renewal: the program was instituted in 1980, and a review of it was planned for three years later but never happened. The program has continued as originally implemented for twenty-four years without revision.

The current program allows, according to Kanipe, "very good students" from towns as close as Clinton and as far as New Hartford, Sherrill, and Verona to take courses beyond their school's offerings. Bridge students usu-

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Benjamin encourages activism

by Greta Rosenberger '07
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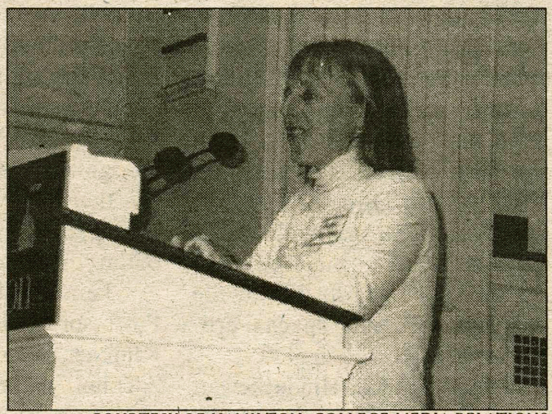
While introducing Medea Benjamin to the audience gathered in the Chapel on last Tuesday night, Assistant Professor of English Gillian Gane commented that Benjamin had been invited to Hamilton "not as an academic, but as an activist." The lecture, titled "Globalization: What it is, What's wrong with it, and What can be done to fix it" that followed Gane's opening remarks proved that, while Benjamin's academic background is indeed impressive, her ceaseless efforts to change and improve the global economy are even more remarkable.

Professor Thomas Bass, who teaches the Globalization Sophomore Seminar along with Professors Gane and Nesecan Balkan, later commented that "Medea Benjamin speaks from a fierce sense of justice. She raises all the important questions in the debate over globalization. Do we want free markets or fair markets? Benjamin is a watchdog for human rights, and in this day and age, with a lot of thieves coming in the night, we need all the watch dogs we can get."



COURTESY OF HAMILTON COLLEGE MEDIA RELATIONS

Medea Benjamin lectured on globalization last Tuesday evening.

Benjamin began by commenting that her interest in the global economy stemmed not from her academic studies, but rather from her devotion to the human rights. She described that her crusade as an advocate of good nutrition in third world countries, her naïve belief that "I thought that I could solve

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Pulitzer Prize winning author speaks on environmental policy

By Greta Rosenberger '07
Assistant Copy Editor

As part of the Levitt Center series "The Environment: Public Policy and Social Responsibility," Pulitzer-prize winner Richard Rhodes gave a lecture titled "The Need for Nuclear Power" to an audience gathered in the Chapel on the evening of March 3rd. Paul Hagstrom, director of the Levitt Center series, explained his reasons for selecting Rhodes as this semester's second speaker: "Rhodes is an exceptional scholar and is known for his very careful, detailed research. When you're approaching an issue like nuclear power, you need to bring in someone who can address this issue with his amount of integrity and knowledge. Rhodes can make effective arguments on this topic that will catalyze further discussion." Professor Philip Klinker, in his introduction to the lecture, praised Rhodes' as "one of the most prolific writers of our time," and commented briefly on the impressive array of awards the author has amassed and the numerous books he has written on the history of technology.

Rhodes began his lecture by stating that "energy sustains, drives, and supports life" and "human development depends on energy." He supported these dramatic declarations with a Power Point collection of graphs displaying the direct correlation between the life expectancy for a human being and the per capita GWP. He also pointed out the positive relationship between the U.N.'s Human Development Index and the use of electricity in select countries. Rhodes called these examples the "Economic Law of Life." He then asserted that they have much to do with the reasons that the average life expectancy for a typical African is ten years less then that of an average European or American, illustrating a global need for an even distribution of energy sources.

Turning to the different types of energy available to the world, Rhodes then described the history of energy transitions. In recalling 16th- century Europe's slow battle to replace wood with coal, Rhodes said that "Energy transitions involve a learning process, and this learning process takes time." He also touched on the unknown damage that can be done by the demand for one particular energy source; "Even two hundred years after the switch to coal had been cemented," he said, "Visitors to England were shocked at how barren the country looked after all the woods had been chopped down to burn for energy."

The competition between sources of energy, said Rhodes, has been stable for the last 150 years. This enables us to identify regularities and predict that the two sources of primary energy for this century will be natural gas and nuclear power. And with this comment, Rhodes began his controversial argument in support of using nuclear power as a primary energy source. "Nuclear power currently supplies 75% of the U.S.'s low-emission energy" stated Rhodes, and then explained why this is an effective energy source, despite the prevalent idea that nuclear power is the most dangerous and harmful form of energy available. "Nuclear power is actually the lowest-emission source of energy possible because the only toxic emissions that result from it come from the processing of it, for which you must use sources of energy such as coal, which produces the most harmful pollutants of all sources." Because sources such as wind and sun must also be processed, this shows that no energy is completely blameless, but some are less damaging than others.

Rhodes said that he gradually became convinced of the benefits of using nuclear power while performing research for his book "The Making of the Atomic Bomb." "I realized that nuclear power is one of the most benign sources of energy while discussing the issue with nuclear physicists. They pointed out to me that the effectiveness lies in nuclear power's ability to convert mass directly into energy, rather than rearranging chemical bonds" he said. To add to the merits of using this energy source, Rhodes then discussed the fact that no noxious gases, or other pollutants or poisons, are released from a nuclear power plant, while plants that process other energy sources

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Harding speaks on scientific world-view

by Becky Ramsey '07
News Writer

UCLA Professor Sandra Harding came to speak to the Hamilton Community on expanding our world-view of science on Tuesday, March 2.

The lecture, entitled "Science and Technology Studies in a Post-Colonial World: Recent Issues," was part of this year's Kirkland Project topic: "Science, Technology, and Democracy." It was also sponsored by the Faculty for Women's Concerns and the Philosophy and Women's Studies departments.

In her presentation, Harding tried to represent non-western scientific traditions as important for research and to improve today's inquiry.

Apparently, this method of study has only become prominent in the last thirty years as scientific historians begin to take a serious look at the practices of other cultures in areas such as medicine, navigation, and agriculture.

Harding tied the European tendency to ignore other sciences to part of its colonial history. The "Scientific Revolution," which she challenged as "neither scientific nor a revolution," was promoted by empirical expansion and the need for better navigational

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Benjamin highlights corporate abuses

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the world's problems by teaching people how to eat better."

During her travels to Africa and Latin America, Benjamin witnessed first-hand the effects of U.S. companies manipulating the people of less industrialized countries. She described seeing countless malnourished women and children while working for the United Nations in Africa, and discovering that one of the reasons for their condition was that U.S. companies like Nestles were telling the woman that it would be healthier to stop breast-feeding their infants. She explained that the companies could profit from the sales they would make on powdered milk, regardless of the fact that they knew this misinformation was depriving the infants of the nutrients they needed. She began to understand that there were problems more pressing than malnutrition.

"I realized," Benjamin said, "that there was something very wrong with a global economy system that would allow this to happen."

After becoming interested in the area of economics, Benjamin realized the dangers of privatization. She urged the audience to recognize that, although the effects of the government selling resources to private companies are economically disastrous, people have the power to rebel and regain control over their country's utilities.

Corporate farming was the next economic issue that Benjamin attacked in her speech. "Not only are the products of corporate farming incredibly unhealthy because of the massive use of pesticides and chemicals, this practice is completely destroying the business of family farming. Between the U.S. and Europe dumping their products into third-world countries and overtaking the goods that they are barely able to produce, we are intimately connected to, and responsible for, the balance of the global food supply."

Benjamin noted that this, too, is another legitimate cause for global rebellion. She illustrated the desperation that drove thousands of people to protest the meeting of the World Trade Organization in Cancún, by recalling an incident that took place during this protest.

"There was a farmer, holding a sign that said 'WTO kills family farming,' who had gone on a month-long hunger strike outside of the WTO headquarters in Geneva as a form of protest. Nothing changed as a result of the strike, and during the protest in Cancún, he simply looked into the cameras while holding his sign, pulled a pocket knife out of his pocket, and stabbed himself in the heart. This man gave his very life to show that people are dying because of the decline of family farms."

Towards the end of her lecture, Benjamin described the plans she has for the future. "This is our vision: No secret meetings behind closed doors. Corporate accountability: confirmation that the corporations are acting out of public interest. Taxation on speculative finance, which would provide billions of dollars that could be used to benefit the global economy. The cancellation of the debts of impoverished countries. Labor conditions that are strong and enforceable. And, of course, fair trade."

She concluded by pointing out the economic and environmental damage that has been wrought by the Bush Administration in the past four years. Recalling the words of an Iraqi friend, she urged the end of the administration and its policies: "Saddam Hussein was a bastard, but I don't feel responsible for his policies because we never had a democracy, and I had no part in making them. But the U.S. does have a democracy, and the world thinks your policies are represented by the American people."

Adler Conference allows Alcohol Coalition to form recommendation

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come up with some solutions to these negative outcomes."

At the end of the conference, the participants converged in the events barn to hear representatives from each group present the results of their discussions. Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls noted that the Safety meeting concluded that "the design of the [campus' social] spaces promote a lack of control."

President Joan Hinde Stewart spoke to the conference at its end, stating, "I am heartened by the turnout." She thanked the student group Our United Responsibility (OUR), all the members of the Alcohol Coalition and the students, faculty, administrators and community members in attendance. She then outlined ten points central to the conference and Hamilton's ongoing discussion of Alcohol, and noted that, as of yet, "there is no new alcohol policy."

Dolan commented on the conference afterwards by saying, "It was spectacular. Unlike many past Adler Conferences, this one had truly passionate and involved participants." According to Dolan, a member of the Alcohol Coalition, the Coalition met after the conference "to process the results of the afternoon. People recognized that now is the time for them to voice their concerns, and they took advantage of the conference [in this way]."

James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner, also a member of the Alcohol Coalition, noted that "the students were positive and constructive, and had a great understanding of the complex and difficult problems" at hand.

"I recognize that students desire to take action and responsibility for enacting the changes they want made," Shauna Sweet '03, also a member of the Alcohol Coalition, stated. "They say they are motivated, they acknowledge that there is a problem, and the Coalition is taking that at face value."

Dolan added that "the coalition's recommendation is contingent on the recommendations of the student body."

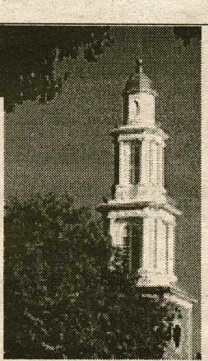
"Any effort to deal with alcohol at Hamilton, the students have to buy into," Klinkner stated. "If they can't or won't, the project will fail."

Sweet added, "I want it to be shown that Adler was the first step, not the final end goal."

Dolan also emphasized that "the conversation did not stop on Friday. There will be future opportunities for further forums and panels."

Sweet commented after the conference that she was "impressed by the honesty of our group" and that "the sheer numbers of participants was very impressive." She added that the Coalition got a lot out of the Conference and that many of the suggestions made at Adler will be reflected in the preliminary proposal the Coalition will make to the Board of Trustees this Friday. Klinkner noted that the Alcohol Coalition will make their final proposal to President Stewart on March 15th.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Baylor in Same-sex Marriage Flap

DALLAS, Texas (Reuters) — The president of the world's largest Baptist university Tuesday upbraided the school's student newspaper for publishing an editorial defending same-sex marriages, saying the opinion piece undermined "foundational Christian principles."

Baylor University President Robert Sloan said he is justifiably outraged over the editorial that ran Friday in The Baylor Lariat but would not take action against the student editors and writers.

Baylor, located in the central Texas city of Waco, has a policy that states a marriage between a man and a woman is the biblical norm. Baylor students are not allowed to participate "in advocacy groups that promote understandings of sexuality that are contrary to biblical teaching."

"It (the editorial) comes dangerously close to violating university policy as established in the Student Handbook," Sloan said in a statement.

The editorial said it is not fair to discriminate against someone because of their race, heritage, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.

"Taking into account equal protection under the law, gay couples should be granted the same equal rights to legal marriage as heterosexual couples," the editorial said.

The student newspaper's editorial board voted 5 to 2 to support the opinion piece, which backed San Francisco in its court suit in favor of same-sex marriages.

Mass. Teacher Snubs Paige Over Comment

BOSTON (AP) — The Massachusetts teacher of the year refused to attend an event in Washington honoring the nation's top educators because U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige called the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization."

Jeffrey R. Ryan, a history teacher at Reading Memorial High School who lost a friend in the Sept. 11 attacks, said he could not accept Paige's apology for his Feb. 23 comments about the 2.7-million-member National Education Association.

Paige said the remark was a "bad joke." But Ryan said: "Nazi death camps aren't funny. Lynching people isn't funny. Famine isn't funny, and terrorism isn't funny. I just couldn't show up and shake that man's hand after he made those remarks."

Forty-four teachers of the year attended Monday's conference at a hotel. The Education Department had arranged it weeks before Paige's comment.

The secretary made the comment in a private meeting with governors. He later apologized for his choice of words, but maintained that the union uses "obstructionist scare tactics." He apologized again Monday to the teachers of the year. "I can assure you, I have nothing but the highest esteem for teachers and the teaching profession," he said.

Teacher Resigns After Duct-taping Student

ORAN, Missouri (AP) — A teacher resigned last month after duct-taping a misbehaving seventh-grader to his desk and covering his mouth with tape, the school superintendent said Wednesday.

The parents of 14-year-old Tommy Brindley said the boy nearly suffocated before freeing himself about 15 minutes later.

It happened February 19 at the elementary-middle school in Oran, a town of about 1,000 residents 120 miles south of St. Louis.

Tommy was in detention for being late to school three times, said his father, Larry Brindley. He began acting up during detention.

"He has attention deficit disorder, and he was misbehaving," Brindley said. "He had some kind of a sponge and was throwing it. He wasn't being mean. He was just being ornery."

The teacher, a 21-year veteran of the district, "just kind of snapped," Brindley said.

Superintendent Tom Anderson said the teacher, whose name was not released, directed two other students to help her tape Tommy to his desk.

WORLD NEWS

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Marines Receive Mixed Reaction in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — U.S. Marines trained their rifles down gritty streets and into a teeming market as they patrolled the Haitian capital with other peacekeepers Thursday, drawing smiles and a few angry words, but no resistance.

Hatred is still simmering among various factions nearly a week after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a rebellion that left at least 130 people dead, with new killings discovered outside Port-au-Prince.

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As the Marines rolled into the looted port area in eight Light Armored Vehicles and ventured into the crowds, onlookers gathered around in curiosity but showed no fear.

At one point, a Marine poured a canteen of water over his head to cool off in the sweltering heat, drawing chuckles from passers-by.

"I feel much safer now the Marines are here," said Frantz Labissiere, 44. "I wouldn't be here if the Marines weren't here."

World's Only 9/11 Convict Wins Retrial

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP) — The only person in the world convicted in the Sept. 11 attacks won a retrial Thursday after an appeals court faulted Washington for refusing to allow testimony from a key al-Qaida captive.

The Federal Criminal Court overturned the conviction of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan, leaving German prosecutors with little to show for their efforts to pursue suspects who may have belonged to the Hamburg cell that included three of the suicide hijackers.

A month ago, el Motassadeq's friend Abdelghani Mzoudi was acquitted of identical charges of giving logistical aid to the cell. Relatives of Sept. 11 victims again expressed frustration and Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Otto Schily, called Thursday's ruling "regrettable."

El Motassadeq, 29, remains in the Hamburg prison where he was serving the maximum 15-year sentence for more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization. Presiding Judge Klaus Tolksdorf said he is still "under a high degree of suspicion."

That comment resembled remarks by the presiding judge in Mzoudi's case, who had said the acquittal was "no reason for joy" and came not because the court believed Mzoudi was innocent but because there wasn't enough evidence against him.

U.S. Split Over Foreign Fighters in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Top U.S. military and civilian officials were at odds Thursday over the role of foreign fighters in this week's savage bombings at Shiite Muslim religious shrines - acts of violence that raised the specter of sectarian war.

U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said it was "increasingly apparent" terrorism was coming from outside Iraq, but some American generals were far less certain about the extent of the foreign role.

The brutal sophistication of Tuesday's bombings in Karbala and Baghdad pointed to a foreign influence on an insurgency that is still mainly homegrown, said Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad.

"It's far more than a supposition and far less than empirical evidence" to say Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a suspected anti-U.S. militant with ties to al-Qaida, had a hand in the Tuesday blasts, Dempsey said. "It's a very educated guess."

He called the idea that foreign fighters were flooding Iraq "a misconception."

Another military official in Baghdad, who asked not to be named, said intelligence "strongly suggests" al-Zarqawi was behind the blasts Tuesday, the bloodiest day since Saddam Hussein's regime collapsed.

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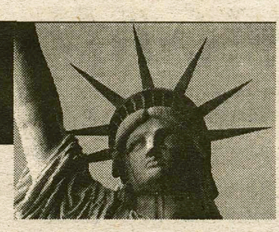

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Gay Couples Rejected for NYC Licenses

NEW YORK (AP) — The fight over gay marriages reached the nation's largest city Thursday as about three dozen same-sex couples asked for licenses and were turned down. One applicant warned, "This isn't going away."

Couples in a New York suburb were also rejected, but across the country in Portland, Ore., a line of at least 100 hopefuls snaked around a building as Multnomah County handed out licenses to gay couples for a second day.

"This isn't a matter of sacred and religious issues. It's a civil issue," said Nelson Jones, 74, who came out to support the Oregon couples and hoped to seek his own license there next week.

It is not clear how long the licenses will be available. Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski has warned the marriages may not be legal and requested a legal opinion from Oregon's attorney general.

New York's attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, said in an opinion Wednesday that his state's laws prohibit same-sex marriages, and New York City's top lawyer said the same about city law. Mayor Michael Bloomberg has also promised to enforce the law.

Makeover for Nickels Is First in 66 Years

WASHINGTON (AP) — New nickels honoring the 1803 Louisiana Purchas e will soon be clinking in cash registers and jangling in pockets. It's the first makeover for the five-cent piece in 66 years.

The back of the new coins look different, while the front looks the same, retaining the image of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States.

Millions of the new nickels have been shipped to the Federal Reserve, supplier of the nation's cash. They should start showing up in change in several weeks, officials of the U.S. Mint said.

"This marks the first time in more than half a century that Americans will see a new design on their nickels," said Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, who showed off the new coins Thursday. "Take a look at history America. There is change in your change."

On the back of the new nickels, Jefferson's home, Monticello, is replaced with a scene that commemorates the Louisiana Purchase.

The back of the new nickels now headed into circulation bear the words "United States of America," "Louisiana Purchase" and "1803." There is an image of hands clasped in friendship - one with a military cuff to symbolize the U.S. government, and the other with an ornate bracelet to represent American Indians.

Some Mexicans May Not Be Fingerprinted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration may back off plans to require that visa-carrying Mexicans who make short visits to the United States and stay close to the border be fingerprinted and photographed, a senior U.S official said Thursday.

The move would be a concession to Mexican President Vicente Fox, who begins a two-day visit to President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, on Friday.

Asa Hutchinson, Homeland Security's undersecretary for border and transportation, told the House Government Reform Committee that the administration may roll back plans for the extra security procedures for Mexicans with so-called laser visas.

Afterward he went a bit further, telling reporters, "I think that is what probably will be necessary."

A government official and a congressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Hutchinson had planned to use the appearance on Capitol Hill to announce that the administration would change the policy. His prepared remarks reflected that.

But just before he testified, someone in the administration raised concerns about announcing the plan before all security issues had been resolved, and Hutchinson would only say the idea was under consideration, according to the government official.

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removed from the co-op meal plan so that they could eat in the dining halls. These students expressed unhappiness with the meal options offered by the co-op. Landry noted that the co-op only spent $22 per student on food each week.

"The concerns [about meal planning] were mainly brought to me by students who were unhappy and asking to be taken off of the meal plan there," said Landry.

However, Hanchett, who is responsible for ordering food and meal planning, said that he did not believe that there was a problem with meal planning this semester. "I helped with meal planning. There were only one or two nights last semester when dinner wasn't served. I personally made sure that dinner was being cooked," he explained.

Although Wright was off campus last semester, she said that any concerns about food had been resolved by this semester. "We have pasta, sweet potato burritos, vegetarian chili, quiche, which is delicious...There are beans and tofu in everything, and every other Monday we have chicken," she said.

Keehn members receive a rebate at the end of the semester that is partially determined by how much the co-op spends on food during the course of the semester. Both Wright and Hanchett also pointed out that this rebate was lower last semester than it has been in the past.

"We haven't had a house damage bill for almost three years, so the rebate isn't affected by that. Unless they're keeping our rebate money, which would be a whole other issue, then I don't see how the $22 [per student per week on food] can be right," said Wright.

Hanchett agreed, "If we were starving last semester, at least we should have gotten a bigger check!"

Joe Cappa, director of administrative services, said that last semester's Keehn rebate of $644 was actually similar to past semesters, which have ranged from $600 to $673 each semester since the spring of 2002.

Cappa noted that many things other than just food expenses affect the rebates and that it is important to put the rebate that students receive in the context of the semester. "The rebate takes into account not only what was spent on food from vendors, but also the facility fee, the 5-meal plan, cleaning of the kitchen that either physical plant or a professional company sometimes does, and things they buy at the grocery store," he explained.

In addition, Cappa noted that individual penalties for not completing assigned work shifts or for bonus meal purchases can also lower an individual's rebate.

Based on the concerns about meal planning, lack of interest and lack of commitment, Landry asked the Keehn leadership this semester to submit a proposal by February 13 outlining how Keehn members planned to address these problems; however, no proposal was ever submitted.

Hanchett said that he decided not to submit a proposal because other members of the administration, including Area Coordinator Travis Hill, indicated to him that it was unlikely that Keehn would remain open next year. "It was generally understood that the proposal would do nothing," said Hanchett.

In particular, after the February 8 Campus Safety inspection that revealed a number of disabled fire alarms, as well as drug paraphernalia and drugs, Hanchett decided that submitting a proposal would not save Keehn.

"Travis [Hill] came to me that night and said it really wasn't going to help. That incident wasn't what killed Keehn, but it was the nail in the coffin," said Hanchett.

Hill said that he did not discourage Hanchett from submitting a proposal, but that he tried to be honest about Keehn's chances of remaining open based on the drug and safety violations, as well as the other concerns.

"I told him that I couldn't give any official word and that he could certainly continue to go forward with the proposal, but at this point it didn't look too promising," Hill said.

Landry affirmed that the final decision was not based solely on the drug and safety violations or the lack of a proposal. "All of the issues going on in Keehn, including that, came into play," he said.

Hill emphasized that Hanchett was not to blame for the closing of Keehn. "The lack of a proposal was not the sole, or even the main, reason for Keehn's closing. Realistically, he could have put in a proposal, but this just made the decision that much more expedient," he explained.

For next year, Landry stated, the Keehn doubles will be reserved for first-years and the singles will be offered as an option in spring lottery; however, both Landry and members of Keehn hope that the co-op-style housing can be offered again in the near future.

"Keehn as a co-op dorm is done, but hopefully the co-op-style of living isn't," said Landry. "I don't think a co-op will work in a fifty-person dorm, but perhaps it can be reopened in a smaller building in a few years."

Hanchett said that Keehn can play a unique role in residents' live: "The co-op helps individuals and that helps the community. The first two years I was here, I was useless. I ended up on academic suspension for a year, and when I came back I moved into Keehn. I started to see how my actions affect other people, and it changed me."

Wright has already begun working on a proposal to reopen Keehn for the Fall 2006 semester. She plans to submit two proposals to Residential Life: one for a co-op of fifty students, most similar to Keehn, and one for a co-op of twenty-to-twenty-five students.

"I'd feel better leaving Hamilton knowing that I had preserved the co-op style of living," said Wright. "It's a haven for people who don't necessarily fit into the 'Hamilton cool.'"

DKE renovation to begin next winter

Work will begin next spring on renovations to the DKE residence hall, that include creating additional space, as well as internal and external repairs, said Director of Physical Plant Steve Bellona. The project will cost $2.8 million, and money for the renovations will come from the same bond that is funding the science building construction.

DKE currently houses twenty-two students, including two beds in the library. The renovations to DKE, which include putting an addition on the building, will increase the number of available beds to forty-eight, mostly in doubles, said Bellona.

In addition, the first floor of the residence hall will be constructed to meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This includes making the entryways, as well as the bedrooms and bathrooms on the first floor, handicap accessible.

"The addition will fit with the current architecture of the building, which is a mix of styles, but mainly a German Tudor," explained Bellona.

The current plans for the building require nine months of construction, and the residence hall will need be empty during the Spring '05 semester so that construction can be completed by the start of the Fall '05 semester, said Bellona.

Emptying the hall next spring may cause some problems for Residential Life, Landry said. "We have to consider the number of Jan[uary] admits and transfers," he said. "It also may be hard to find twenty-two people who are willing to move out in the spring."

As some possible solutions, Landry said that his office is considering reaching out to students who already plan to travel abroad in the spring, or possibly offering some type of incentive for students willing to move mid-year.

Alternatively, Landry said, it may be easier to close DKE starting in the fall, rather than trying to move people in the spring. "We should get estimates from the Registrar's Office next week about the number of people going abroad in the fall. If we can safely predict the number of beds that we'll need next year, and it's not too crunched, then DKE may be closed all year," he said.

In addition to the physical renovations, DKE may also undergo a name change when re-opening, Bellona said. "I expect that the name will change, but I haven't heard any indications of what the new name will be," he said.

Landry commented, "I really haven't heard anything about the name change. It's certainly not going to be Landry Hall. I can tell you that!"

Bellona explained that because DKE needed some external repairs and internal improvements, the College decided to complete the addition and other renovations now, as well. "[The residence hall is] in good shape in terms of safety codes, but the exterior and the roof needed maintenance, and I think there's only two bathrooms for the whole building right now. It just made sense to do all the renovations at the same time," said Bellona.

He added, "Now that we've got the moment, we're going for it."

Harding: scientific view needs to be wider in searching for answers to social questions

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and survival technologies.

This, in turn, helped to turn the scientific philosophies started in the fourteenth century into the practices of today, which have caused the "domination" and "ruination" of conquered peoples.

"When a society's science is devalued," said Harding. "It's a devaluation of an entire culture."

This attitude in the sciences, she explained, has also been applied to the twentieth century policies which tried to "help" the third world but instead made it even more dependent on the developed world. This economic situation has come about because of loans that developing nations are unable to pay off.

Harding's lecture was further suffused with this ironic tone towards the sciences practiced in the United States and other, so-called "imperialist" nations. She greatly criticized these for having ruined many cultures world-wide and dismissed their traditions as "science of the savage mind."

However, she also claimed that the first world has significantly exploited them for their resources and, as in the case of South American tribes' herbology, their regional knowledge.

In speaking about the Chinese medical practice of Acupuncture, she explained the relationship between Western medicine and multicultural practices: "You can tell a science has become legitimate when you can get third party payment for it."

She claimed that the "real sciences" (physics, biology, geology, etc.) have failed in their assertion that they transcend cultures. She also criticized the goal of many scientists to create a "unity of science" where all principles would be shared in a kind of hierarchy with physics at the top, whose theories would in turn filter down to explain biology, psychology, etc. This view, Harding held, omits other cultures and would not allow them to be represented, though she did not say why discoveries of these other cultures could not be integrated.

"She gave interesting critique about the way history has told the story of Western science, but she did not really provide criticism of the methods that we use in the physical sciences-developing theories and testing them experimentally," said Hamilton Physics Professor Ann Silversmith.

Harding claimed that the scientific view needs to be wider in searching for new answers, and claimed that western science must have significant failings since it has not been able to develop answers to social questions that keep arising in a changing world.

"[Harding's] is a very important topic, especially in the context of the increasingly global nature of the economy," said Comparative Literature Professor Nancy Rabinowitz.

In her lecture, Harding encouraged her audience to think about other cultures' traditions in ways that they may have previously overlooked.

"In order to become ideal, we need to learn to live differently," she said.

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

At a place like Hamilton, it's easy to get swept up in the intricacies of college life. We all are guilty of forgetting that beyond our college, beyond the communities we come from, and beyond the national borders, the events that will come to define history are unfolding every second.

In Haiti, thousands of miles from our removed Hill, political turmoil grips the country. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the first freely-elected leader of Haiti, fled into exile this past Sunday after rebel factions closed in on the outskirts of the capital. A 1991 military coup forced Aristide's first defection from office, but Washington re-enforced his power in 1994. The former leader is accused of using gangs to attack opponents and has failed to relieve the country's poverty-stricken majority.

Despite the efforts of U.S. Marines and peace-keeping troops sent in to establish order, Haiti's political and social factions are participating in bloody fighting. Rebel leader Guy Phillipe had vowed his men would cease fighting and lay down arms one month from the onset of the rebellion, but bloodshed continues.

Millions of miles from Haiti's deadly and tumultuous situation, efforts to explore the terrain on Mars are expanding. NASA's rover, Opportunity, continues to traverse the terrain on the 4.5 billion year-old planet after finding signs of water. A shelf of rock found at the landing site of the rover contains large amounts of salt. On Earth, such a large deposit would indicate that water once existed, but evaporated, leaving salt deposits in its place.

The finding, while not the first time scientists suspected the existence of water, is yet another indication that the planet may be hospitable to microbial life.

And back in the United States, after a surprisingly exciting primary season, John Kerry has emerged as the unofficial Democratic nominee for president. In the coming months, the campaign between our sitting president and his challenger will certainly be worth watching. Not only will this presidential campaign be exciting to witness, but more importantly, it will have lasting implications on our own lives as we enter the workforce and begin our lives away from Hamilton.

The events occurring around the globe, as far away as they may seem, will affect all of us. Our community is not limited to a small area in central New York State. Our job, as students, is to seek knowledge in order to find truth. In doing this, we must be aware and conscious of the history happening beyond our small collegiate world.

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Rhodes: nuclear power is "environmentally safe"

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tend to have environmentally-devastating effects. He additionally pointed out that nuclear power plants produce significantly less solid toxic waste and no carbon dioxide, making it the most environmentally-safe energy option. The final advantage he touched on was that despite one freak accident that was completely preventable, there have been no fatalities or injuries in nuclear power plants, while there have been hundreds in other energy plants. In a summary of his arguments, Rhodes called nuclear power "environmentally safe, practical, and contrary to public opinion, is not a problem but rather one of our best options for a solution."

At the end of Rhodes' lecture, the Chapel was opened up for questions. Owing to the assortment of physicists, environmentalists, and economists in the audience, it wasn't surprising to hear how passionate the challenges to Rhodes' argument were. In each of his responses, however, Rhodes acknowledged that there are definite disadvantages to certain aspects of using nuclear power, but emphasized the idea that the overall benefits may exceed those of other energy sources. He also made a point of recognizing that his purpose was not to completely sell the public on the possibility of using this source, but to inform the community and open up discussions and debates. Hagstrom later acknowledged that "Rhodes is aware that there are still big questions to be answered, but his, and our, primary goal for the moment is to provoke discussion and debate on a matter that concerns us all."

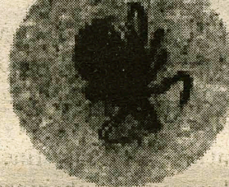

Fig. 1: Deer Tick

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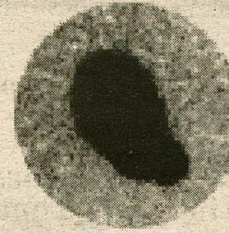

Fig. 2: Melanoma

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Bridge Program renewed, Stewart addresses faculty

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ally take courses that are higher levels of disciplines they are currently studying, such as linear algebra or French literature. Mathematics and Foreign Languages usually have the highest number of applications, but Bridge students may start subjects (like Japanese) if they have, according to Kanipe, a "sincere interest."

Bridge students do not pay any more than a $10 application fee since, according to the motion, "the College views this program as a service to the community." Hamilton students will never lose a seat in a class to a Bridge student, as admission to a class is dependent both on space and professor approval.

The faculty decided the program will continue as it has for the past twenty-four years, but with a few modifications. Bridge students must now follow the College's academic calendar, even when it conflicts with their high school's breaks. Professors were concerned that the Bridge students were not explicitly subject to the College's Honor Code, and thus the motion was amended to read that Bridge students "will be subject to the Hamilton College Honor Code and all other relevant regulations." Acting Dean of Admission Lora Schilder affirmed that Bridge students will now sign the Honor Code and must be familiar with Hamilton's policies before they are accepted to the program.

Kanipe also emphasized the part of the motion that reads: "The children of Hamilton College employees are invited to participate in the Program according to the same procedures as other high school students." She stated that the penalty for not going through the proper channels to place a child in a class would be the loss of one semester of the tuition aide which the College currently gives to employees when each of their children attend an institution of higher education.

President Joan Hinde Stewart took the floor for the second half of the meeting to address the faculty as a whole for the first time in the new semester.

She began her address by describing her activities of late, which include extensive traveling.

She stated that she hopes to capitalize on Hamilton's "increased visibility" thanks to *U.S. News & World Report*'s recent recognition of Hamilton for excellence in writing and oral communication. She thinks Hamilton has the potential to attract the "best, brightest, most engaged students." To this end, Stewart said we must attract the "best possible faculty" and give them the "best possible facilities to work with."

She commended Professor of Sociology Dan Chambliss and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty David C. Paris '71 for their ongoing work on the Mellon Project, and she expressed her pride in the College "taking the lead in institutional assessment."

Stewart encouraged collaboration on campus between the President's Office and other constituents, stating "I do not see a president's role as unilateral" and that, in her experience, "the best ideas often come from the faculty." She was "heartened" by the response to the recent Adler conference, and is "proud of OUR's efforts" to affect a "campus-wide culture change."

Stewart also addressed the College's "funding priorities," the principle focus of which is "facilities renewal." Specific projects include renovating academic spaces and expanding KJ, renovating current residence halls and looking into constructing more student housing, exploring plans to turn ELS into a student activity center, building international squash courts and installing a new, expanded fitness center on the ground floor of Saunders Chemistry when the new science building is finished.

Increasing the diversity of the campus is a priority, but Stewart emphasized that "it is not enough to simply be for diversity" in the faculty and student body. She suggested that specific things must be done. According to Stewart, every faculty search should be "open rank" to attract the best educators possible. Stewart also recently appointed Associate Professor of Philosophy Kirk Pillow as Campus Diversity Coordinator.

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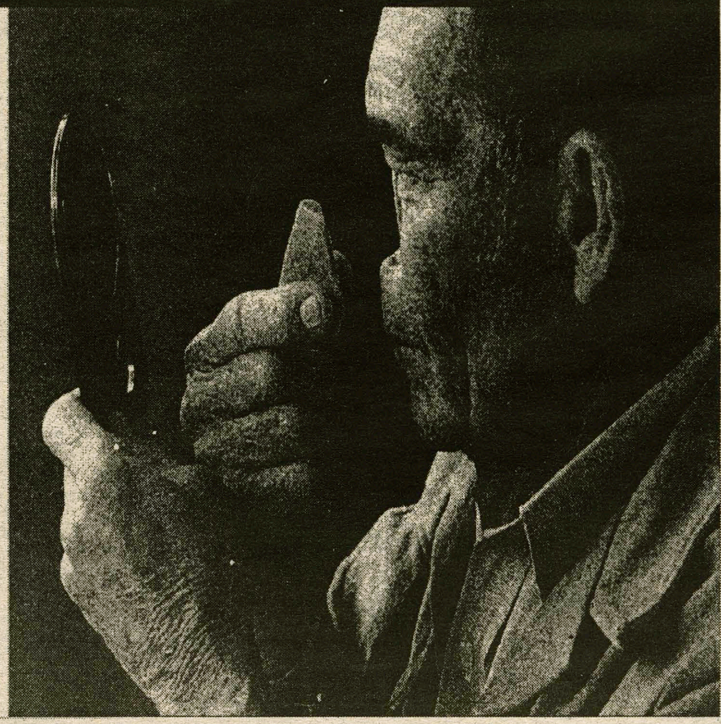

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Point/Counterpoint: Commons vs. McEwen

by Whit Rothe '05, Matt Kotowski '05, Justin Thompson-Tucker '05
Insights and Ideas Writers

Disclaimer: Point/Counterpoint does not reflect real opinions and has humorous intent.

Matt Kotowski: For many years the debate has raged over which dining hall is better, Commons or McEwen. Today we will find out. Justin, let's start with you.

Justin Thompson-Tucker: Well, there isn't really anything that links Commons and McEwen, except that they both serve food. The fact is Commons is a seething disgusting place of seediness, jocks, sluts, and idiots, and McEwen is a place where all of the rational people in the world eat lunch in peace and quiet and do not have to deal with the disgusting socialites who frequent Commons.

Matty K: Very insensitive of you, Justin. Whitney, I am sure you have a response.

Whitney Knowlton Rothe: Justin, you ignorant slut! You are telling me that all of these disease-ridden people frequently socialize in Commons. Well, the truth is that the people in McEwen are losers! They are all a bunch of weirdoes who sit around and eat by themselves in this old dump of a building and think about how they can't talk to other people because they are losers! Commons is where it's at, folks. You've got everything: the pizza bar, the grill, good salad, good times, good people, good food, good fun, and good drink! Let's eat, everyone! What's wrong with socializing? People come out all of the time and don't want to sit by themselves next to a bunch of mutants in McEwen.

Matty K: Very elitist and insensitive of you, Whitney. Both of you are jerks! Over the last few years, the dining landscape at Hamilton College has changed dramatically. Your comments.

JTT: Well, I have to say that is true. The fact of the matter is when I came back this semester from being abroad in Germany, I was appalled by the number of jocks, sluts, and general idiots who have seemed to taken over McEwen and turned it into a social whorehouse that used to only be at Commons. It is appalling to me that all of these people who like to whore themselves out socially are now present at McEwen. However, McEwen's breakfast is still the best dining experience one can ever have. Whitney, I would like to take up your point about atmosphere. Who wants to eat in a medieval prison where the only reasonable light comes from chandeliers a hundred feet off of the ground? Whenever I eat there, I feel like people should be throwing chicken bones on the floor to their dogs and drinking mead. Secondly, I want to take up your point that everyone is mutants at McEwen. That's not the case. There are some mutants, but there aren't as many as one might think. Third, the socializing...

Matty K: Fourthly

JTT: Fourthly, the social atmosphere in Commons is disgusting. It's not real socializing, but rather all superficial. The people are forced into socialization because of all of the societies, and there isn't any place to sit in peace and quiet. If you want to eat in Commons you have to join a group. At least at McEwen you can eat in peace and quiet with a few friends and not feel like a loser.

Matty K: You have your work cut out for you, Whitney. Go ahead.

WKR: I would tend to agree with Justin. I believe that the proliferation of the Commons atmosphere in McEwen is a damn shame. These social bastards should stick to Commons because I don't think it is safe to socialize with the mutants in McEwen. I think it's a shame for the mutants and the social elite to eat in the same dining hall. What's next? Going to the same parties and having fun together? Social segregation at Hamilton must be maintained.

JTT: I agree! Those damn social whores should stick to their medieval castle!

WKR: Those damn mutants should stick to their underworld basement! Secondly, I agree with you. I went to Commons once for breakfast and had an omelet there, and it was terribly undercooked. Third, McEwen blows, and Commons blows too. I think we should just eat off-campus.

Matty K: Does anyone have anything to say about the Little Pub lunch?

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Res Life's "The Lottery"

by Britten Chase '05
Insights and Ideas Writer

Exhibit #335 that ResLife is indeed the source of all evil and is installed simply to make your life more complicated: Did you see the changes made to the housing lottery this year?

According to last week's Spectator (The Greatest Newspaper in the History of the Universe (The Greatest Universe Ever)), rather than have the traditional (normal, rational, etc) housing lottery, this year the Farmhouse, Babbit, and Milbank will be pulled from the lottery and students will get groups together in advance and a separate lottery will determine if these groups get a suite. The order in which these groups will be picked is determined by the average lottery number of all potential suitemates. Then, that number is taken and weighted by ResLife according to class year of potential suitemates.

At this time, I am unable to confirm if SAT scores and how fast you run the 40 are also factors.

(dramatic pause)

I have to admit, after looking at the way they set up the lottery this year I thought to myself, "Self. Um...wow. Well, you have to admit, you never would have thought of that one."

Yeah, and with good reason too.

I guess it's fair to point out that ResLife's heart is in the right place. They want to give seniority a priority, and as a rising senior, I find that extremely ideal. But more then that. They feel that as you go along through your career at Hamilton, your housing should get better year by year. See? Said so in last week's Spec: "ResLife believes that Milbank is highly desirable housing and that older students should have priority in choosing to live there."

The problem is that ResLife must have been dealing with a few (as in numerous) misconceptions when creating this new system. Misconceptions like...

1. Milbank being desirable housing. I would like to take a moment to get up from my Milbank chair, walk to my Milbank window, look out at my view (concrete wall, other side of Milbank), and admire the newly shattered #6 door of...you guessed it... Milbank.

Don't everyone get jealous at once.

Not to say that the suites are not desirable places to live. It's nice because you can live with your friends but at the same time have your own single. Or, as many people who live in suites find out, it is even ok to live with your most hated enemy. It doesn't matter, so long as they do their dishes. Otherwise, there is hell, and I mean HELL, to pay.

Moving on.

There is a reason why so many sophomores live in Milbank. There are, what, 28 suites in Milbank. 34 doubles when you include the it's-a-single-but-two-kangaroos-could-live-here-and-be-perfectly-fine rooms. 34 x 2 = 68 sophomores who will do anything anyone could ever ask of them so long as they don't have to live in Bundy. Sophomores are only in their second year at Hamilton, and therefore, they can still afford the largest damage bill on campus.

Misconception #2: Seniors want to live in doubles in suites.

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Thumbs Up

- Flip-Flops.

- The huge success of the Adler Conference...and I thought I was the only one who blacked out three nights a week.

- Over-anxious freshmen girls.

- Chemically altering and tanning your hot bod' for the MTV Spring Break Global Grind.

- The Basketball team. Enough said.

- Throwing elblows at the ice-cream bar in Commons. Some wise advice from girls who have been there: you can't wear sweaters forever, ladies.

- Giving a townie your phone number...only when it's not yours.

-Statistics show: 80% of Hamilton students have done something drunk that they later regretted. Shock.

Thumbs Down

- Flip-Flops.

- The melting snow revealing last semester's carnage of Keystone cans and Green Apple newspapers.

- Campus Safety turning a blind-eye to North Lot robberies because ticketing in the Root Lot is more important...nice new sub-woofers, Farva.

- Trading in the smell of cigarette smoke at the VT for the equally foul stench of late night chicken wings.

- The 4:00 PM treadmill lottery at the fitness center...but the erg is always free.

- Starting rumors that you were 'roofied'...not the best way to make friends, jerks.

Deirdre Fenton '04, Avery Schlicher '05, Elizabeth Dyke '05, and Matt Amoroso '05

Who Cares?

- Whether or not it is too early to break out your sandals.

- Dualing sorority parties...sure 10 bucks will buy you open bar, but ATX ass is free.

- The Tropical Pool Party...nothing spells a good time like Plantar's warts and lubed up watermelons.

- The newest social space: Saunders. Welcome all hostile dorks!

- People who think you care about how much work they have...because you have all the time in the world to listen to them bitch.

- Losing more than 8 items and thinking that a lost ad in the Bull will safely return all of them. Or even one.

-Notifying the alum who created the creepy sculpture on the Diner that it broke. Her response..."Who cares?"

Come on Clinton: Mommy, am I a Feminist?

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Feminism. It's so hot right now. It makes you ask, "Why do they call sex penetrating instead of enveloping?" or "Am I a part of the women's movement?" Bell Hooks, a modern feminist suggests viewing the concept of feminism as "the struggle to end all sexist oppression." If you believe that sexist oppression does not exist, then the answer is NO, you are not a feminist and additionally you were probably homeschooled by the Bush family for the first 18 years of your life (too bad for you). If you believe that sexist oppression does exist, then read on...

A Definition Please?

Finding a definition for feminism is one of the most difficult things to do - perhaps even more difficult than cornrowing your pubic hair (and sweet lord have we tried). Definitions are numerous and, in many cases, quite subjective. Some people resist labeling themselves a "feminist," for fear that no one will know what that means and they might be subject to being called a "Feminazi." (P.S. If you still use that word then please don't make any babies until you stop).

When we asked a very intelligent senior female for her own definition of feminism, she replied: "I got a C in Women's Studies. I obviously don't know what it is." This answer was unsettling. Another woman said, "I sense some negativity, some values that don't match up with my own in some aspects of the women's movement." This got us thinking, must there be an all-round agreement amongst all people involved in the movement? Why does exclusion exist within a cause meant to unite?

Why, oh Y?

Here at Hamilton we have Vox and the Womyn's Center as means of support for women/womyn on campus. The Womyn's Center, although it is open to anyone on campus, ends up serving only a core group of womyn, rather than all women. This may have something to do with the vicious cycle of mistrust that goes on here: students not involved in the Womyn's Center feel unwelcome, and besides "Take Back the Night," it is not often clear what the center publicly offers to the campus. Some are intimidated by the Womyn's Center. Unfortunately, the Womyn's Center takes on the role of being intimidating rather than encouraging participation from new members who may think about things differently. Creating a safe haven in which one feels comfortable and understood is of great importance, but it should not come at the cost of rejecting others who have different modes of fighting sexist oppression. Controversy can lead to a deeper understanding of the truth, while ignoring opposition leads to stagnation.

So, if we can't take the heat should we get out of the vagina? Phallix and Klit think not. The center needs to work harder to reach out and the rest of us should get over the "Y" and under some womyn.

No Better than The Man?

There is an ongoing war within the women's movement over the issue of accessibility. The rightful inclusion of Women's Studies courses at colleges and universities has stirred up some confusion...

When Klitora took a Women's Studies course she was told to buy a book called The Dictionary of Feminist Terms. She wondered, if I don't know what the words "dichotomy," "paradigm," or "cyborg" mean, am I destined to a life of heterosexist sin, slaving away for my husband, receiving routine Botox injections when I hit 35, and reading Ladies' Home Journal like its my f***ing job? The answer was and is no.

But one may wonder if the well-educated, upper-middle-class white women in America are claiming ownership of the field of Women's Studies? Should it only be accessible to those who have memorized the Dictionary of Feminist Terms from cover to cover? Clearly many feminists would disagree, but our immersion in theory rather than in activism presents a pressing problem.

And Finally

It seems that finding a way to broaden our definitions and requirements for feminism is in order, as is making women's organizations on our campus more accessible. The more we put a face, a body, a name, or a particular vocabulary on "feminism," the farther we get from attaining freedom of oppression The thing that feels most infuriating about feminism is also what makes it so wonderful: the open-endedness. This is not to say that motto of the women's movement should be "Girl Power!" and Jessica Simpson our official spokesperson. This is to say that feminism is a concept, awareness, and way of life meant to unite and heal, not divide and hurt. If you're bogged down by "Y's" and more. Whys, then keep asking...and keep your heads up, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.

Housing Lottery

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"If we have six seniors that want to live together, their numbers will carry them further," so says RHC president Adam Lalor '04. Now...going back to this whole desirable housing idea (theory), is there any rising senior out there that desires a double in a suite? I thought the housing is supposed to get better as you go along; now you're back to the equivalent room you were in when you lived in McIntosh freshman year.

But seniors will feel pressure to stack their pull so that they at least end up with a suite. That will put seniors in Babbit and Milbank doubles, as opposed to their doubles in....well...Saunders, Eels, Fergusen, etc.

Which leads to another complaint: It's no longer ideal for me to live with my rising junior friends. What can I do, except be like, "Sorry bud, but if we pull you our number will sink like a rock tied to a DU pledge in the reservoir. Best of luck in Dunham."

Misconception #3: Upperclassmen currently are getting good housing. Come on, for the most part we really are in singles, or we're in the frat houses, or we're in South or Carnegie. Thanks, but really. We're doing ok. The system is not perfect, but it is straightforward, it makes sense, and if it is unfair it sure is hard to argue against.

And if any of you kids in Wolcott or Rogers are really that upset with your housing (and your chef), then really, come talk to me. I think we can work something out.

The Security Fence: The Palestinian/Israeli Barrier

by David Greenky '07
Insights and Ideas Writer

What about that fence? It certainly is a hot topic these days, and the press usually manages to sneak it in most reports relating to the Middle East: "This morning eight Israelis were killed when a suicide bomber exploded himself in a bus near Emek Refaim... also, this week the Hague will begin debating the controversial Israeli security barrier." "Israel kills eleven in Nabulus, not far from completed portions of the controversial security fence."

Many times when "the fence" is mentioned, it is accompanied by two other lines that say something to the effect of, "the Palestinians claim the fence is a future border, an apartheid wall, and that it greatly disrupts daily life while the Israelis contend it is a response to terror and is needed to save lives." It is true; there is an obsession with this security fence.

What are the realities of this fence? Both parties claim to have valid points, but the underlying concern remains - should construction continue? This is what the International Court at the Hague started debating last week - that calls for a whole article in and of itself. So why does Israel have a right to construct this fence, and what are Israel's true intentions?

Numbers, of course, can be manipulated by different groups who advocate different things. Here is a number that is not disputed. As of Monday February 23, 2004, 942 people have been murdered as a result of Palestinian terrorism. We must remember that Israel is a small country with just over six million citizens.

If a comparable percentage of Americans were murdered by terrorists, it would translate to roughly 45,000 American lives. Most people in Israel today at least know of someone who was a victim of terrorism, whether they were killed or wounded. Dr. Yossi Olmert, authority on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and radical Islam gave a lecture at Syracuse University Sunday, February 22. Keeping these numbers in mind, Olmert informed the crowd that Israel thwarts 95% of attempted suicide bombings. It is the last 5% that make the difference, including the murder of 8 Israelis earlier this week.

Since there was a fence installed around Gaza, the number of infiltrations and suicide bombings coming from there has greatly decreased. Cities such as Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, and Haifa endure the brunt of the terrorism because of their close proximity to the West Bank. The army cannot patrol all areas all the time; the fence is the only practical way left to protect Israeli civilians.

Israel has stated a number of things regarding this fence, all of which can be found on its Ministry of Foreign Affairs website. Israel has a duty to protect its citizens, and the fence serves as last line of defense to Palestinian terrorism. In opposition to critics, Israel states that the fence is not intended to be a border or even permanent. The fence's purpose is to protect the citizens of the state of Israel. Regarding the route of the fence and how it will influence the daily life of Palestinians, the website states, "Israel recognizes the necessity of finding an appropriate balance between the imperative need to prevent terrorism and defend its citizens, and the humanitarian needs of the Palestinians...

The security fence was located, to the greatest possible degree, on unused land to avoid harming agriculture. Palestinian farmers will have access to their fields and will reach them through special gates that are being built into the fence." On TV, the fence is commonly showed at small areas where there is a great risk of snipers. For this reason, the fence is tall and concrete at these points. In reality, most of the fence is a regular security fence.

If you attended the lecture by Ali Mazrui, one of Israel's strongest critics, on Monday, February 23, you received a different portrayal of Israel's intentions and the Middle Eastern conflict. One of the main messages I heard during his lecture was that the Jews (Zionists) are the cause of all world terrorism, including Al-Queda. He claims the occupation of Palestinian land fuels Islamic terrorism all over the world. He then continued about the great amount of power he believes Jews in the United States possess, implying their pressure on the US Government gives Israel the "green light" to do as it pleases.

He went so far as to call some of his "American Jewish brothers" as "militant Zionists" during the question and answer session. All I took away from these portions of the lecture is that Mr. Mazrui is taking part in an anti-Semitic blame game, blaming the Jews for the world's problems. These statements draw disturbing parallels to the policies of Adolf Hitler before and during World War II.

Contrary to what Mazrui stated, Israel is a nation of peace. Israelis want peace and most Israelis support a two-state solution. Israel is not an apartheid state; Israeli-Arabs enjoy full citizenship and representation in the government. The current Prime

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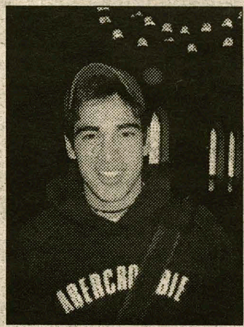
Hamilton Uncensored: Would you rather be an Olsen twin or a Hilton sister?

Compiled by Sarah Mattingly '05 and Alyssa Menegat '05

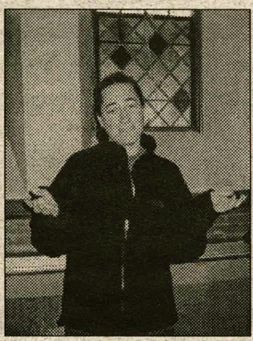
An Olsen twin because they're so cute and have such good hair and accessories.

- Erin Madden '04



A Hilton sister because I wouldn't mind my private parts being all over the internet.

- Mike Gallante '04



Olsen twin because their movies are genius. I mean *Winning London*? Come on!

- Polly Noble '05

Can I be Nicki? Paris is a little loose in the caboose.

- George Fountoulakis '05

Rachel: A Hilton sister because they have all that money and no reponsibility.
Lindsay: An Olsen twin because I'd rather not be a whore.

- Rachel Manwill '05 & Lindsay Walsh '07

My Adler-Induced Junior Spring

by Bill Chenevert '05
Insights and Ideas Writer

Junior spring is flying by at an unheard of pace. Junior spring. A senior next year. Have you juniors been thinking about this lately? I think I'm really excited. At this tiny school it seems like class year has a lot to do with who you hang out with and who you meet.

I remember being overjoyed at the thought of senior status at lil' Red Hook High. But back then it was more because college was close and there was such a huge gap between the heights of freshmen and seniors, it was almost unforgivable to hang out with freshmen in high school unless they were really cool or had a popular older sibling. Senior year at Hamilton is going to mean knowing this school so well that I know what to care about, what's important: the prospect of an exciting post-graduate life and not dealing with Hamilton's "alcohol problem."

Adler was a huge success for me because I got to hear what President Stewart had to say about what the alcohol coalition is up to, not because I enjoyed listening to people theorize about Hamilton campus life. It seemed as though President Stewart is completely open to suggestions, not intent on implementing any rash and extreme new policies. After hearing a few too many "Let us drink" cries, in so many words, in relation to the alcohol coalition's believed purpose, it made people really think about what our community is really about and what feasible changes can be considered. Feasible changes.

If I had to listen to more talk about "personal responsibility" I would've had to bounce. How does one encourage or mandate more taking of personal responsibility? I have a feeling that a Social Honor Code may not be the answer. With projects like the Science Building and the DKE expansion, a Student Union just doesn't seem to be in the cards for another decade.

While all the talk of inappropriate and widespread alcohol abuse made me feel like a guilty little child, I understand the cycle continued that very night with copious amounts of busted parties and damage. Basically, the people who should've been at Adler, probably weren't, and we see it more and more as forums are provided for students to voice their concerns and the same people show up every time.

It's been torture waiting for Spring Break and this hint of warm weather we've had has got people walking around in shorts when it's 45 degrees. This summer's going to be so sick and soon enough I'll be back on the Hill to finish taking classes, living on my own in a dope building I'm sure, and sagely observing Hamilton's drama with the reassurance that soon, soon I will be done. I won't say that I'm pumped to get out and explore career options, though, for a lack of things to do.

My friends and I are never sitting around and saying, "Whaddya wanna do??" In fact, I find myself wishing there was more time in the day and that I didn't need so much sleep to do all the things that I want to do. Also, I can't objectively gage the health of our social scene, years before, now, or in the future, but I can certainly say that from now until May 2005 I will not be bored and I will not be excited to finally sow those oats up real tight and straighten up my act for the real world.

So what am I saying here writing with my return from a few weeks drought of ideas? I'm not sure. I wanted to write about Adler because it struck me as I read the "Adler Conference 2004 Huge Success - Examined Hamilton's Alcohol Culture" because it was a success for me in a very different way. It made me care less about all this alcohol drama and gave me a glimpse into President Stewart's mindset about all this.

And if it sounds like I'm just saying, 'I can't wait to get outta this place', it's mostly because I know that Hamilton's name and the resume that Hamilton has allowed me to build up is going to take me to some really cool places in the world. Thanks for reading. Peace.

Commons vs. McEwen

*from **Point/Counterpoint**, page 9*

JTT: I have never eaten there. It's disgusting the way people eat and socialize in there.

WKR: Neither have I.

Matty K: Clearly we are getting nowhere. I hate to do this, but what about the Diner?

JTT; It's disgusting the way people eat in there late at night with no thought to their dietary requirements or digestive system. There is so much noise at the diner. No one can think.

WKR: The jukebox selection has gone downhill...

Matty K: We are in agreement that the Diner is not an option. I am starving. Where are we going to eat?

JTT: Let's go off campus.

WKR: Ruby Tuesday has a mean salad bar.

Matty K: Well, at this point, I would like to say that this blows, and good night.

The Security Fence

*from **The Security Fence**, page 9*

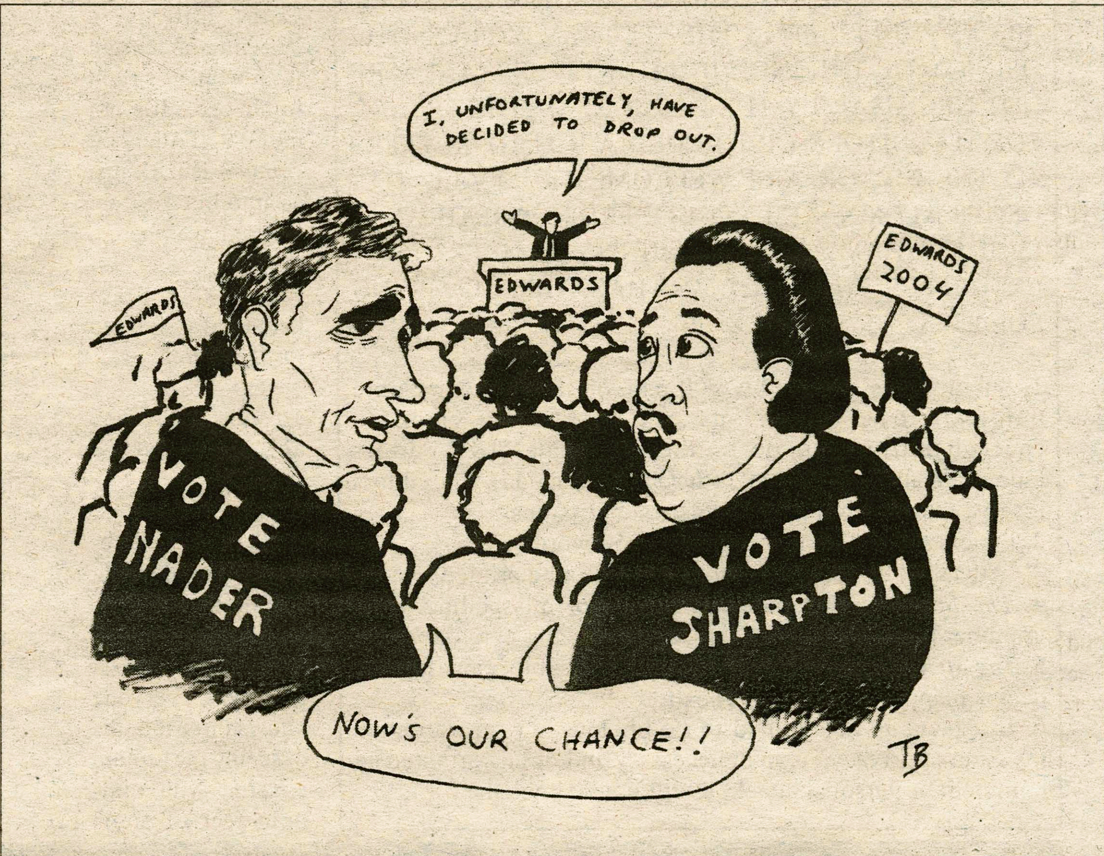
Minister, Ariel Sharon, is decorated war hero and was an advocate of settlements. He has recently said that the Palestinians deserve a state, and to quote Sharon directly in May 2003, "We don't like the word, but this is occupation. To keep 3.5 million Palestinians under occupation is bad for Israel and the Palestinians." The question is not if the Palestinians will receive a state, but when and under what terms?

Why should any country give into terrorism? If the Palestinian Authority is unable to control its population, why should Israel have to suffer the slaughter of her innocent civilians? The fence is necessary to protect innocent civilians from terrorist attacks. Yes, a substantial amount of Palestinians have been killed in this latest intifada, but let us remember two things.

First, some extremist Palestinians chose to revert to terrorism after a very generous offer for statehood was rejected by Yasser Arafat at Camp David in July of 2000. Second, Israel targets armed terrorists while Palestinian terrorists target innocent men, women, and children. Israel takes extraordinary measures to prevent the deaths of innocent bystanders; however some are caught in crossfire.

To me, Israel's ultimate intentions of achieving peace in the Middle East are clear. When the idea of the fence was introduced in Israel a few years back, it was highly controversial. As time has gone on and more bombs have gone off, many people have accepted the reality that in the short term, this fence is needed to save lives.

Drawing Criticism: by Tom Booth '06



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing this to encourage students to actively think about a Hamilton tradition. Should Hamilton have an Honor Code? Do you think that it works? Okay, here's a scenario...

It's one in the morning and Victoria has two papers due the next day. One's done, but she still has one left to write. Vicki's a senior who would rather be out with her friends, watching late night TV, or sleeping. She sits in front of her computer, stalking away messages, playing Snood, checking for new emails every other second, actually reading the all-campus ones. Meanwhile, a blank document sits idle. Vicki's already wasted nearly an hour procrastinating and just can't write another paper.

She googles her paper topic. A website comes up and she clicks on the link-it answers the question. Vicki returns to her blank document, writes an opening sentence, copying and pasting from the sites, forming a paper. Before long it's done, but it's not over. When her professor reads the paper he doesn't recognize the voice in the paper as Vicki's. So, he googles the strange sentences and the same sites Vicki used pop up.

What happens next? Do you know? If you do, do you agree with the process? The penalties? Here's your chance to give your opinion and have it heard. As part of an ongoing review of the college judicial system a committee is currently reviewing the Honor Code. The committee is composed of faculty, administrators, students and a trustee. We want your opinion. So, answer the surveys in your mailboxes or fill it out online. Think you're not going to be listened to? Think again. The faculty already completed a survey and we read each one. We're truly anxious to hear what you think. Should professors proctor exams? Do you think students should be compelled to turn in other students? Do have anything to say, any opinion on these issues? Here is your chance to have your voice heard. I hope you participate!

After the results are compiled look for a more in-depth article to be published in an upcoming issue of the Spectator.

Sincerely,

Allie Manly '04
Chair, Honor Court

You Say you Want a Revolution"... I'll Give You one!

From December to February we all walked passed the spray painted sign that read "You say you want a revolution" at the entrance of CJ. It hung like a historical relic to mark an exhibit documenting the activism and strife of the 1960s.

To the people in our generation, it sometimes seems like all the great, stirring issues that once inspired millions of young Americans to political activism are over, done with, and settled. The war in Vietnam is over and civil rights legislation passed. For better or worse, the 60's are dead and gone.

But that is an illusion. History didn't stop at the end of the 60's. We face issues now every bit as important to the future of our generation as young Americans faced in the 1960s — the war in Iraq, the assault on civil liberties, gay rights, ect.

It's hard to know what to do, how to start, how to have an effect. I'm going to suggest one important thing you can do this April. It won't take a lot of your time — just a weekend —but it concerns an issue of vital importance to us all, and will send a message to those in power that our voices need to be heard. That's the issue of reproductive rights, and the way you can do something about it is to come with other Hamilton students, and faculty, and hundreds of thousands of other concerned people, to Washington for the March for Women's Lives.

In recent months, it has become increasingly clear that a woman's right to choose is under attack. In November of last year, Congress passed a so-called "Partial-Birth Abortion Bill" that prevents women from having some of the safest and most common abortion procedures. Last month, Attorney General Ashcroft's subpoenaed the medical records of six Planned Parenthoods, invading the privacy rights of patients and discouraging women from seeking health care at Planned Parenthood clinics. Now, the Food and Drug Administration, which in December voted to allow over the counter sales of the "morning after" pill without a doctor's prescription, has delayed its decision in the face of pressure from the Bush administration and the religious right.

Come join us in Washington to fight for a woman's right to choose. It's not the 60's. It's the 21st century. But it's just as important to act now as it was then....

Please contact lleather to sign up for the march.

To those who may not understand snow:

Snow does not recycle. Snow does not decompose trash. Snow doesn't help the physical plant at all. Look, everyone knows three months of seeing the ground covered with multiple feet of snow isn't that cool- but throwing your trash and beer cans in the snow throughout the winter is definitely less cool. Now that the snow is gone, take a walk around campus; take a walk over the bridge. See the trash? Now who do you think is going to have to clean it up? Surely not the guy who thought by throwing his trash in the snow, it would, by way of miracle, disappear. If the snow makes you upset, don't throw trash in it, pour hot water on it. Go lie in it. But I assure you this, if you lie in the snow, next to your beer can, in January, physical plant will find you and that beer can come March. If you see the physical plant working extra hard these next few weeks, give them a hand, and help them clean up the mess some of our students decided to leave.

I still like you even though you leave your trash in the snow, but hope you will help clean it up,

Eric Scott Kaplan '04

Dear Editors of the Spectator,

Credit should always go where credit is due. And Kathleen McGrory deserves not just credit, but kudos, for her coverage of the San Francisco marriage of Professor Dana Luciano and Research Support Specialist Jenn Sturm ("Luciano, Sturm marry in San Fran"). Particulary noteworthy was her skillfulness in placing our bit of Hamilton history in the context of a still-unfolding and quite dramatic national story. Very nicely done.

A friend of mine used to say that the thing about being a reporter was that you were only as good as your last story. As you might guess, he was an extremely humble, rather old-fashioned kind of reporter, exactly the kind of guy you went to for advice when you weren't sure what to do next. Being only as good as your last story means a lot of things, but I always took it as the Gospel of Bouncing Back, specifically the chapter on the Satisfaction of Rising to New Challenges (and Proving Your Critics Wrong).

Thanks again for a great story. The editorial was good, too. And while I'm at it, let me say I also enjoyed Tim Mudie's piece (the one about space alien killer bugs taking over Root dorm).

Best,

Catherine Gunther Kodat
Associate Professor of English & American Studies

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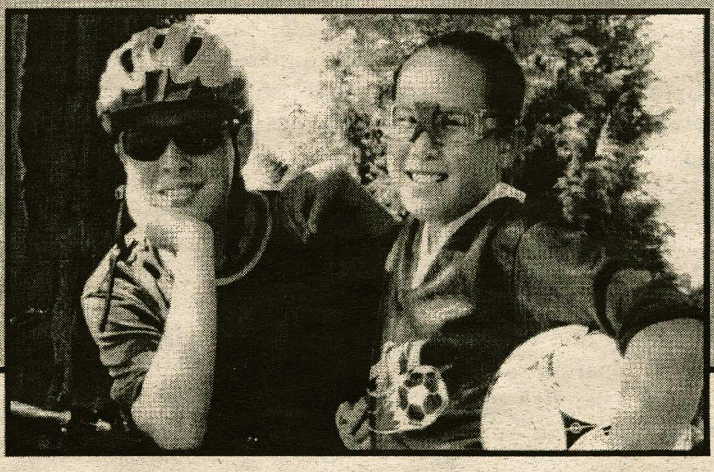
"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."



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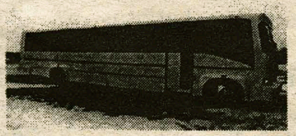

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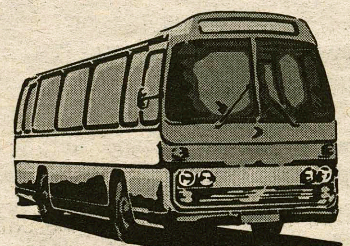

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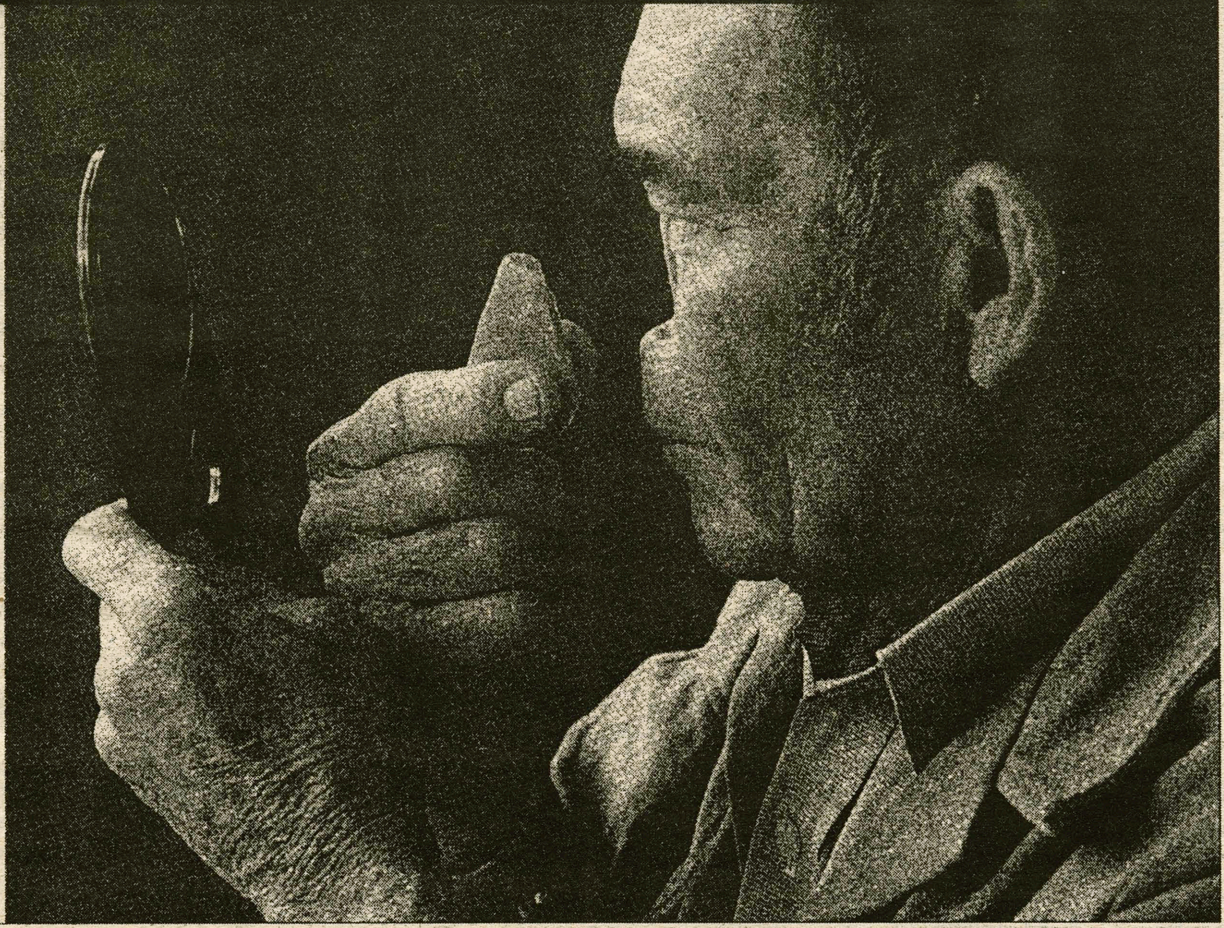

Raybeck seminar constructs societies of the future, sparks debate and innovative thinking

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Now in its sixth year of existence at Hamilton, Professor Doug Raybeck's "Cultural Simulation Seminar" continues to be a highlight among Hamilton's academic offerings. According to Raybeck, the simulation "involves students in the construction and maintenance of future sites in Near Space. Students...collaborate in establishing a shared definition of the future (normally 50-100 years in the future). Thereafter, students construct a scientifically defensible site in Near Space."

Planning the site includes, among other things, selecting a location, determining the size, and establishing "a list of responsibilities that must be fulfilled for the effective maintenance and operation of the site, from waste management to psychological screening." Students elect officers to lead the project: the Captain "runs the class, coordinates the efforts of the various 'departments' and has disproportionate decision-making power," while the Chief Engineer "is responsible for implementing design elements of the site and for establishing its electronic presence in the multi-user-domains." After these positions are filled, all students take turns in assigning appropriate responsibilities. The class, therefore, is almost entirely student-driven. All Raybeck asks of his students is that they create a project that is "scientifically defensible" and that they "exhibit collegiate behavior."

The original concept for the class came from a collaboration between Raybeck and Reed Reiner at the University of Northern Arizona; Raybeck adapted the idea for Hamilton College by making it "more demanding." Typically, preference for admittance to the course goes to juniors and seniors. The course is one of the only courses that requires pre-screening for acceptance. Interested students wrote two pages last fall on what they were looking to get out of the course, and what skills and expertise they had to offer. Ultimately, twelve were chosen. The diversity of the group is vital for the project, Raybeck explains, because of the need for different perspectives and talents. He gives the example of a dance major who applied for a past simulation seminar, and because of an interest in background in nutrition, was accepted, and proved to be vital in planning out health and nutrition aspects of the simulation.

Raybeck finds that students tend to be overly ambitious when designing the project, and that they drive themselves harder than he would in a normal class setting. Mark Castro '05, a seminar participant, agrees. "We are completely in control of the course's direction. In a lot of classes they say that the class is what the students make it, but in the cultural simulation seminar they really mean it." However, Mark admits that this freedom often leads to the hardest part of the class: "Because the class is so run by the students it sometimes leads to heated debates. The biggest challenge is knowing which positions are worth fighting for and which you should be will to compromise on. The dumbest things can spark a debate. We've had debates on whether or not to have alcohol, pets, and swimming pools in our site."

Professor Raybeck himself acts as a self-described "janitor," essentially "hanging around to clean things up" and observe the group. At multiple points throughout the semester, he throws in a "tweak" - or problem - in the creation of the site that the students must solve. Tweaks come in three levels, the 3rd being a problem that must be solved in 7 days, the 2nd being a problem that must be solved in 4 days, and the 1st being a problem that must be solved in 12 hours. Communication among participants, therefore, is vital to their success. "Tweaks" generally come in two forms: production problems that have not been safeguarded against, and existential tweaks, such as natural catastrophes. One of the best parts of the class for Mark is Professor Raybeck's involvement. "Professor Raybeck makes it one of the best classes ever. He's always giving us hints in weird languages or giving us riddles to solve that will help us in our designs."

Recently, Hamilton College provided funding for Raybeck and five of his seminar students to visit NASA Aims, a research center and think tank where students will be able to see mock-ups of the Mars Rover, meet planetologists, scientists, social scientists, and science fiction writers. The experience, according to Raybeck, will be "fun, but a lot of work - serious play."

As for recent developments on Mars in terms of space exploration, Raybeck acknowledges the fact that colonization is a possibility, but that it is also a project that would require more time and money than has been previously allocated to seriously work. "You cannot immediately say, 'Here is the value in doing this,'" Raybeck says. "That is not the nature of investigation. You can't know in advance - and if you did, it wouldn't be exploration. From an anthropologist view, exploration is vital to our species. The best quality we have going for us in curiosity, and we have to keep engaging that." For this reason (among others), the simulation seminar is one of Raybeck's favorite classes to teach. About the class he says, "It's not about learning facts; it's about skills - how to work in a team, and how to solve problems. And I'm always very happy with the end result."

Student intitiative revamps efforts to prevent and deal with rape, sexual assault on the Hill

Sexual Assault Center reasserts presence on campus, planning numerous upcoming events

by Erin Frankel '05
FEATURES WRITER

Sexual Assault is a problem that faces thousands of college women on many college campuses today, including those at Hamilton. Last week's Adler Conference demonstrated to the entire Hamilton Community the high statistical evidence of sexual assault cases that take place on our campus. It has been recorded that 12% of women a Hamilton College have experienced rape. Hamilton's statistics are fairly consistent with national statistics on sexual assault that claim that that one in every eight-college women experience rape. Almost 90% know their assailants. More than one third do not discuss their experiences with anyone and 90% of rapes are drug or alcohol related.

Hamilton College's Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy's definition of Sexual Assault, Rape and Acquaintance Rape is "any sexual contact without mutual consent. Rape, a form of sexual assault, is defined as any form of nonconsensual sexual intercourse committed by coercion, intimidation, threat, or physical force, either actual or implied. Nonconsensual sexual activity includes, but is not limited to, situations where a person is unable to consent because of mental incapacity or physical helplessness due to drug or alcohol consumption, or unconsciousness. Acquaintance rape or date rape is defined as rape committed against an acquaintance, date or friend under the conditions described above."

About four years ago, after a weekend that produced three different reported rapes, The Sexual Assault Center (S.A.C.) was formed. The S.A.C. is a student-run organization comprised of people who are concerned about sexual assault and rape on the Hamilton campus. Members include individuals who have experienced either rape or assault, have friends who have experienced these traumas, or are simply concerned about this issue here at Hamilton College. Their mission is to raise awareness about assault, and to provide the campus with education about this issue so as to both prevent further sexual assault and to offer a supportive environment to those who have been sexually assaulted. The five members of this organization who have been heavily involved in strengthening the Sexual Assault Center over the past few years include Marjorie Kazin, Lindsey Crusan, Allison Krutal, Jessica Kapps, and Taylor Chapman.

There are three main events that S.A.C. does every year. "Take Back The Night" is an event that is held once each semester. At Hamilton, "Take Back the Night" involves a "Speak Out," in which members of the community who have experienced sexual assault or rape, have friends who have experienced sexual assault or rape, and supporters of survivors, come together to share their experiences. "This is always an emotional event. It shows how traumatic the experience of rape or assault can be," Crusan said.

This semester, S.A.C. will be holding a "Take Back The Night" event in the Red Pit on Tuesday, April 20th. S.A.C. plans on beginning the night with a candle-light vigil that will move from Burke Library to KJ and the "Speak Out" will follow. Lindsey said, "I encourage and urge the campus to come together and support people who have experienced rape and assault at 'Take Back The Night'. You don't have to have been assaulted to be involved. You also don't have to be female; we welcome men to both this event and to our meetings."

Another event that S.A.C. does once each semester is "The Clothesline Project". "The Clothesline Project" is a series of t-shirts that are typically hung in Beinecke for one week. Each shirt is made by a member of the Hamilton Community who has experienced a crime, honoring someone who experienced a crime, or is showing a general concern about crime. "I would suggest taking a moment to stop and read the shirts; the fact that the majority are made by people who have experienced them crime that they write about in the shirt is very powerful and moving," Crusan said. As part of the V-Day movement to "Stop Violence Against Women", every Valentines Day, Hamilton College does a benefit performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues". This year over 600 colleges put on the performance. This was the first year that S.A.C. organized the event at Hamilton. Although S.A.C. does most of time planning, the Womyn's Center is a fundamental part of the production. This year they provided funding and printed 100 bright pink "V-Day: Stop Violence Against Women" t-shirts to be worn by both students and faculty. Kazin explained that this year S.A.C. coordinated with ATX's carnation sale. 100% of the proceeds went to the YWCA Hall House and carnations were sent to the women and children staying in the shelter and to women in support groups. Raising close to $1,500, this most recent fundraiser proved the most successful to date.

One of the upcoming events that S.A.C. is working on is a panel discussion called, "Making Sex Safe and Safe Sex Sexy." This panel is co-sponsored by S.A.C. and VOX (the Planned Parenthood Chapter on campus.) Crusan explained, "Our objectives with this panel include covering the definition of consent, how to clearly consent to sex or any sexual activity in a sexy way, and having safe sex." S.A.C. may also be having a male student from the campus group Men Advocating Change on the panel. Lindsey further explained, "We are very excited about this panel; this will give our organization a chance to show that we are not down on sex, we are down on rape, and there is a huge difference. We want to give the campus some more information about consensual sex, and this is a great step forward in our new relationship with VOX." The Panel will be held in the Red Pit on Tuesday, April 6th at 8 pm and is open to the entire campus. "We are looking to collaborate with the

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OUR continues strong push towards change, contributes to strong Adler attendance

by Allison Kent '04
FEATURES WRITER

In response to recent questioning and attention given to Hamilton's current alcohol policy and culture, Our United Responsibility (OUR) gained student and faculty support in forming a cohesive alliance for students to voice their opinions about upcoming reforms.

Led by Tim Moyer '06, OUR promotes responsible drinking as well as student responsibility for their actions while drinking. The organization also facilitates a comfortable atmosphere where students can speak freely about student life involving alcohol and administrative suggestions.

Discussion of the alcohol policy was initiated last semester after the Inter Society Council sponsored a town hall meeting open to Hamilton students, faculty and residents of the area. At the request of the Office of Student life, President Stuart also organized the Alcohol Coalition to assess and reform Hamilton's current alcohol policy and culture last October.

At the beginning of this semester, the Alcohol Coalition suggested to Student Assembly that Hamilton's alcohol policy and social life be addressed during this year's Adler Conference. OUR saw the Adler Conference as an opportunity to learn about administrative viewpoints and strategies in addition to contributing thoughts expressed by the student body.

Co-leader and member of OUR Ben Fertig '06 explains both short-term and long-term goals. "Short-term," he says, "we wish to positively influence the Alcohol Coalition and President Stuart in the alcohol policy decisions. We are proactive students involved on campus and we did not want to sit back and watch decisions being made." Long-term goals include "fostering better student and faculty relations through discussion and encouraging a pro-active stance for students."

Prior to the Adler Conference

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Sarah Gould '05 and Chip Bent '06 at the OUR petition table.

Sexual Assault Center reasserts presence on Hill

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Counseling Center and organize a support group for survivors of sexual assault and rape. We are hoping that this would be seen as a safe space for people dealing with the trauma of assault or rape to come share their experiences with other people, have support and see that they are by no means alone," Crusan said.

Both Marjorie and Lindsey explained that the Sexual Assault Center has many goals that they would like to achieve within the next few years. Crusan mentioned the idea of having a 24-hour hotline on campus that would allow victims to reach a peer who is a trained rape crisis counselor. S.A.C. is actually planning on bringing the YWCA to campus to train a number of students in this service. SAC would also like to have a service through which women who have been raped would have access to emergency contraception on the weekends. At the present time, the Health Center administers ECP, but is not open on the weekends. Lindsey explained that "since most sexual assaults and rape occurs on the weekends, we think it is vital to provide this service to our community."

S.A.C. would have a student on-call at all hours to drive to Planned Parenthood, area hospitals and pharmacies, and provide people with support and guidance. Crusan explained that one of the many limitations the organization has as an on-campus organization is a lack of space devoted to this issue. "We have the Health Center, which provides services such as emergency contraception and STD screening and the Counseling Center, which provides a wonderful, free and confidential service, but there is no place to turn for specific guidance and support from peers," she said.

Both Marjorie and Lindsey spoke of some of their concern about the lack of involvement of the Administration on this issue. Kazin said, "We would like to see some more support from the administration. We would like to see them take a more active role." She backed this up by explaining how vital it is that S.A.C. is a student-run organization but that students cannot handle this issue on their own. As the statistics have shown in recent years, this is an extremely serious problem that cannot be glossed over. Crusan continued, "The funding that SAC is given is not at all appropriate to attack this issue." One of the ideas that SAC has in countering this problem is designating a staff member whose primary concern is reducing the rate of sexual assault and rape on campus.

Both the high statistical evidence of sexual assault and the rising concern for more involvement in SAC indicate that these sexual assault incidents are not isolated but part of a larger social problem at Hamilton. SAC is working to foster an environment of guidance, support, and prevention from sexual assault. It is reaching out to the larger Hamilton community in trying to better address these issues of rising concern at the College.

HAMILTON HISTORY

26 YEARS AGO
November 3, 1978

Hill Recovers from Hangovers

The brown tide rolled over Hamilton once again as students consumed keg after keg of beer and gallon upon gallon of hard liquor and champagne during House Party Weekend. Fraternities reported dispensing 76 kegs of beer, or roughly 19,000 8-ounce cups. Although seemingly a display of bacchanalian virtuosity in "sucking up suds," this wave of brew is actually staging dosage for a party weekend.

DU., AD and Chi Psi rolled out 21, 14, and 14 barrels respectively. DKE and Sig used 10 apiece, and TDX drank quantities of hard liquor. DU also purchased five cases, while AD and ELS reported spending several hundred dollars apiece on booze. D Phi mixed 9 gallons of alcohol into its punch, Gryphon spent roughly one hundred dollars on cocktail ingredients, and Chi Psi and its guests went through 12 cases of champagne.

Not all the beer disappeared into student gullets. Two kegs were stolen from DU on Friday. Fraternity members also caught people trying to steal tap equipment and liquor. DU, which last spring lost hundreds of dollars of tap equipment and records, suffered the loss this year despite a student watch, and responded to the thefts by hiring additional security with AD.

Off-campus, Weaver's Liquor Store reported that college students were not visible over the weekend, while the manager of Clinton Liquor stated that business with students was busier than normal but not as busy as anticipated. Beer sales at Obie's I.G.A. (Independent Grocery Association) were "normal for a party weekend," according to the assistant manager.

When asked to describe the amount of demo over the weekend, Dean Gordon Bingham stated that he had not received any reports of damage to the campus. "We usually have more problems with non-students (on House Party Weekends)... the extra security men hired for the weekend are for fraternity officers to call on," the Dean stated. "Our students tend to 'relax and enjoy it,' while some non-students come to free-load and do whatever they want without interference."

25 YEARS AGO
March 2, 1979

Trustees Meet To Disscuss Issues of Concern

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees will meet this weekend to disscuss a number of topics pertinent to the college community, according to President J. Martin Carovano. Seven of the ten standing communties, including the committe on St udent Affaris and the Planning Committee, will issue reports to the Board on the morning of March 3rd.

The Committee on Student Affairs, chaired by R. Gordon Bingham, dean of student affairs, will examine questions concerning the policy of limiting the use of the fieldhouse. A number of s tudents are expected tovoice their objection to Carovano's oilicy prohibiting the use of the fieldhouse for concerts. According to Bingham, the committee will also consider a resolution proposing the appointment of the Publication Board as the agent of the trustees for overseeing the operation of WHCL. Additionally, the committee will examine problems facing the Hub, the Pub, and Bristol. The meeting will close with a report from Carovano concerning conversations held with alumni of fraternities on the Hill, and an examination of "mutual concern."

Holocaust Survivor Recalls Horror

Last Monday night in the Chapel, Helen Sperling, one woman who survived two concentration camps, told her story to approximately 200 members of the college community.

A resident of New Hartford, Sperling has been lecturing schools in the area concerning her experiences during the Holocaust in World War II. In 1939, she told the Chapel audience, she was 19 years old. The war was very distant from her in her home in Poland, and even reports of Jews being rounded up in Germany did not affect her.

Soon, however, the Germans began forcing all Jews to wear white arm bands. It was not that awful, said Sperling, but only after she learned that someone would be killed for forgetting to wear the band did she realize she would never forget again. With this insignia, "you were marked" and anyone could hit you.

Sperling ended her talk by describing the Path of the Righteous Gentile in Jerusalem, dedicated to all known individuals who risked their lives to help the Jews during the war.

OUR packs Adler

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last week, members of OUR organized a series of student run activisms throughout the beginning of February. Open discussions were organized within dorms to access a diverse group of students across campus and provided small productive venues. t-Shirts were provided to encourage students to drink responsibly and decrease the amount of vandalism on campus. Finally, OUR provided a petition in Beinecke supporting little revamp to the current alcohol policy, but more individual student responsibility and accountability for their actions. OUR deemed this petition a success by attaining almost 800 signatures.

Each of these tactics helped generate student interest in the Adler conference. On Monday, February 23, 60 students were registered for Fridays conference. By Wednesday, between 250 and 300 students registered and more attended. Fertig attributes much of the successful promotion to the inclusive dorm discussions. In addition to attendance, the OUR representative was "pleased with the outcome," appreciated the time that the faculty and President Stuart dedicated to this issue, and found President Stuart's speech "positive and promising."

OUR is holding a meeting today, Friday, March 5, at 3 pm in Bristol. Meetings are open to the entire campus and all are encouraged to attend.

Do you like staying in on Thursday nights? If so, please contact jkuhl or sgould... and maybe, just maybe, you can write for FEATURES.

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This weekend: Spring dance and orchestra concerts

Alina Troya '04 is here to fill you in on what to expect at these great entertainment events

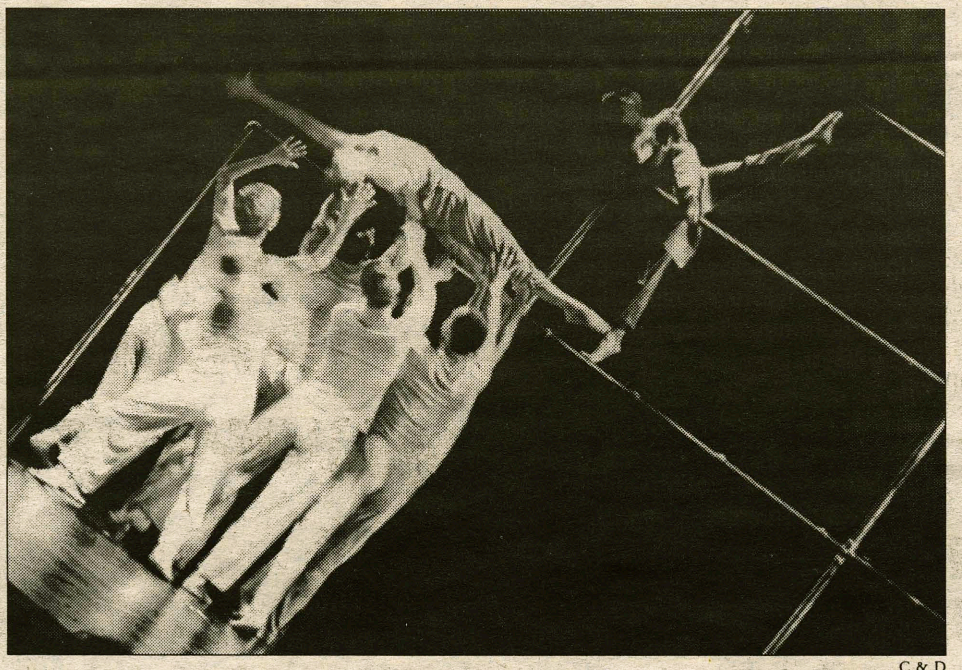
There are plenty of opportunities for enlightenment this weekend! Check out the Spring Dance Concert as well as the Hamilton College Orchestra's second annual Brainstorm Concert, which are sure to quench your desires for cultural fulfillment.

The 2004 Spring Dance Concert, part of Hamilton College's Department of Theater and Dance, will perform on both Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6 in the Schambach Center for the Performing Art's Wellin Hall. The concert opens with a piece called "Reflets dans l'eau," a ballet choreographed by Leslie Norton, faculty member of the Hamilton College Dance Department. Set to piano pieces by Clause Debussy, this piece is described as abstract. It plays with the idea of light reflecting on water. Costume design for this work was done by Kate Thiele.

Second will be a trio performance by Katharina Plumb '05, entitles Tulip Blue. Using the music by Stan Getz and Astrud Gilberto, she conveys a playful message that displays light and imaginative exploration of movement. It consists of the dancers weaving in and out of each other, pulling along scarves to create a fun and playful feeling.

Third in the performance is a dance choreographed by Bruce Walczyk, also a faculty member of the dance department. "JUST IN CASE" is an abstract representation of events that actually took place in his family history. It deals with the displacement of families from populated areas to smaller villages and communities to avoid bombings during World War II. Music by Bjork and Angelo Badalamenti is used to convey the experience they felt when they returned to find their homes occupied by the Americans.

After intermission, there will be a work by guest choreographer Carolyn Dorfman entitled "Portrait." Ms. Dorfman is a former Professor of Dance and has taught both master classes and professional dancers, as well as acting as a guest choreographer at major U.S. universities. She founded her own Company in 1982 and since then has created more than fifty works for CDDC. In addition, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) has designated Ms. Dorfman a Distinguished Artist and granted her four Choreography Fellowships, including one in 2004. She also received the Prudential Prize for Non-Profit Leadership in 1994, and is considered a highly respected artist in New York, New Jersey and nationally.



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Come watch Hamilton's best dancers perform to the music of Bjork, Debussy and Angelo Badalmenti in the Spring Concert in Wellin Hall on March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m.

The last performance of the program is a work by Heather Koniz '04, entitled "Playing to Daydreams." With the music of Tuck and Patti and Bobby McFerrin, this piece is said to be extremely active and perhaps even humorous.

Overall, there are 26 Hamilton students dancing in this season's concert. It promises to be genuinely imaginative, artistic and entertaining, so come out and support the Department of Theater and Dance and all of their hard work and sheer talent. Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for the general public.

As if that weren't enough, the Hamilton College is holding their second annual Brainstorm Concert on Sunday, March 7th at 3pm, also in Wellin Hall. The interesting part of the Brainstorm series is that it takes a theme and connects it to multiple disciplines, and then discusses and explores it through short musical examples before the entire piece is played. This year's theme is "A Sense of Time," and its purpose is to delve into the way composers shape and manipulate the perception of time in their music.

On the reason for deciding on this type of concert, Heather Buchman, director of the Hamilton College Orchestra, says that it is important to make interdisciplinary connections, especially on a small liberal arts campus like Hamilton. She says, "Time is a huge topic, of course, which touches on physics, psychology, and philosophy, among others... Music is all about time and how we experience it. The experience of listening to music can even create a sort of magical or sacred time, where we shift our consciousness out of normal time and onto a different level altogether. Composers in any age reflect the ideas of their generation regarding time; sometimes they even anticipate future developments in our understanding of this complex topic." This gives us an insight into why the topic of Time was chosen. It may also serve to enhance our appreciation of the concert in that, through the insertion of explanations of individual pieces during the concert, we will have a better understanding of why the composer decided to treat time as he/she did.

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Emerson opens exhibit: *Nuremberg 1493*

Alex Taylor '07 gives you his thoughts on the latest artwork featured at Emerson

Given the miniature scale of the printed text and illustrations, the manuscript form is perhaps the least suited of the decorative arts for exhibition. Where as the aesthetics of painting and sculpture offer themselves dramatically, manuscripts demand the careful attention of reading a book. As a result, the manuscript form has failed to register within popular taste, sharing space in the cultural attic alongside Victorian floral prints and the Louvre's collection of gold saltshakers. And yet as *Nuremberg 1493* attests, the manuscript form is essential for understanding the development of a Renaissance aesthetic. Rather than fading away, the 16th century manuscripts at the Emerson Gallery demand to be looked at.

Long before it became synonymous with Nazi war criminals, the city of Nuremberg was the site of a milestone in early European book publishing, namely the printing of the lavish *Nuremberg Chronicle* in 1493. And in so much as a single work can represent a cultural event, along the walls of the Emerson Gallery one sees a movement from an artistic and cultural vocabulary that comes from the medieval tradition to one that is distinctly of the Renaissance.

The show begins with several colored prints by Michael Wolgemut, whose *Dancers and Musicians* ca. 1493 is typically medieval. The figures are drawn with thick outlines with little individualization as a lurching perspective frames the scene. Schematic, it is largely the product of fine craftsmanship and not artistry. A similar inattention to naturalism pervades another Wolgemut print, *The City of Constantinople*; one looks for the *Hagia Sophia* mosque and finds only crosses. This is perhaps the only visible example of Christian optimism in a manuscript whose last pages detail the apocalypse.

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Go see Durer's "The Angel with the Key to the Bottomless Pit" at the Emerson Gallery's Nuremberg Exhibit.

Although the author of the *Nuremberg Chronicle* was familiar with humanist thought, the manuscript reflects the conventions of medieval historiography. The map of the world is largely unrecognizable, its outside margins filled with bearded women, two headed men, and the other freaks thought to live in the far corners of the world. To a modern sensibility, such an illustration is representative of a cultural and aesthetic primitivism. And yet, the creators of the Nuremberg Manuscript were hardly resistant of change; Wolgemut's illustration of Adam and Eve is a work of subtle virtuosity. Rather they are both fascinated and suspicious of the Renaissance, and I found that the figure of Anti-Christ looked remarkably like a Medici prince.

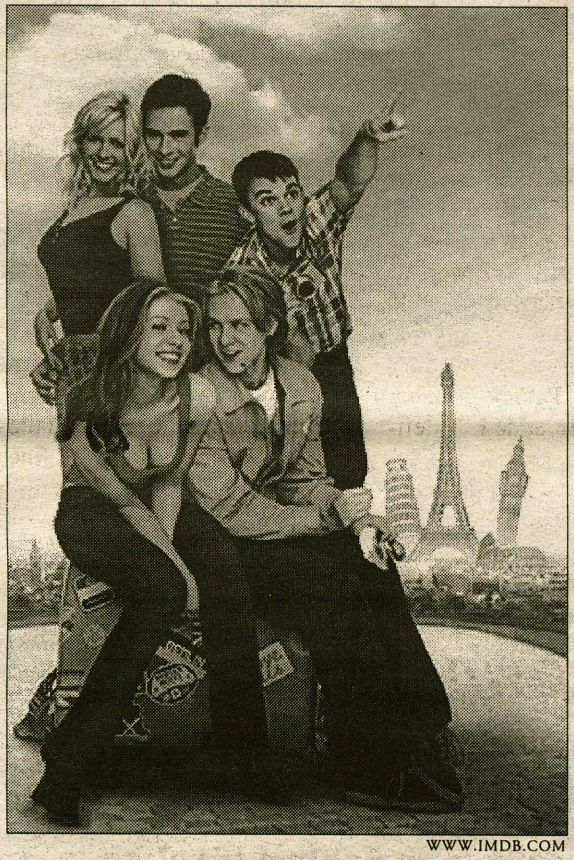
The highlights of the show are the six woodcut prints by Albrecht Durer, who apprenticed under Wolgemut and worked on the *Nuremberg Chronicle*. Durer is among the great draftsman in the history of Western Art. And from the tangle of plants in the foreground of his 1497 print *Samson Rending the Lion* to the highly detailed cityscape that forms the works background, he is an artist of continually astonishing verisimilitude. Fittingly, the final Durer print of the show hints broadly at the cultural descendents of the Northern woodcut print, as within the background pines of *The Angel with the Key to the Bottomless Pit* one glimpses the origins of Van Gogh's dashed line.

Movie Review: *Eurotrip*

Julie Matheny '07 gives you her thoughts on the new comedy

I have to admit that I'm a huge fan of stupid movies. Don't get me wrong-I like the good ones too, the "classics" people like Ebert and Roper extoll ad nauseum and those that end up on every Top 100 Best Films list. But some of my favorites just happen to be the *Old School*'s and the Slackers', and the Mars Attacks! of the group-the politically incorrect, distasteful, poorly written comedies that only aim for a laugh are the ones that really get me.

A full on Hitler march in the background of an otherwise boring conversation, Eurotrip has it's moments; however the movie is really just a compilation of separately funny sketches crudely set against the backdrop of Europe in all its stereotypical glory. Nude beaches in France, kinky sex clubs in Amsterdam, decrepit towns in East Germany-it's what we uncultured Americans expect, right? Remember those Saturday Night Live sketches that were made into feature length films? How many of them were actually as good as the ten-minute sketches they were based upon? Think of Eurotrip in this way. There really is nothing tangible to tie the scenes together save the visual familiarity of the main characters themselves. While the screenplay had a couple funny lines, the acting could be better-besides ex-Nickalodeon veteran Michelle Trachtenberg, these guys are a group of unknowns who will most likely stay that way, unlike actors such as Jason Biggs, who's fame as "that kid from American Pie" launched his film career almost instantaneously. Moreover, the romantic storyline is pretty pathetic and is more of a plot device to give Scott a reason to go to Europe.



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Curious about studying abroad? *Eurotrip* might be able to provide answers.

It may be for this reason that I didn't hate Eurotrip as much as a lot of people, but the fact that it doesn't pretend to be something that it isn't sort of makes it work. A reasonably dumbed-down version of Road Trip without noticeable personalities such as Tom Green, the movie is about a high school grad, Scott Thomas(newcomer Scott Mechlowicz) who is recently dumped by his girlfriend around the same time he realizes that his German pen-pal Mike (pronounced Mee-kuh) is actually a girl. Enlisting the help of three of his friends, including his sexually-charged, immature best friend Cooper, the four embark to find Mike, obviously launching the journey across Europe that is this movie.

From a hilarious encounter with brownies in Amsterdam to Mike's little brother drawing a mustache on his face and launching into

Interesting cameos by Matt Damon as Scott's ex-girlfriend's new punk-rocker boyfriend and Lucy Lawless as an S&M sex club owner raise a couple eyebrows, but they don't appear enough to enhance the story. In the end, Eurotrip is just like that guy you hooked up with at that concert last summer—not something you want to see again, but certainly amusing for a couple of hours.

Return of The King sweeps Academy Awards

Dan Horowitz '06 talks about the most famous of Hollywood award shows

This year's 76th Annual Oscar ceremony probably generated hundreds of winners, not necessarily the movie stars at the event, but rather average Americans who entered pools or made bets. This years Oscar telecast, though led by funnyman Billy Crystal, was increasingly long, lacking any sense of surprise or excitement. The critics easily predicted who would in each category, and there were virtually no upsets. If a person bet on the nominees with the best odds, he or she would probably be much richer now. Though it was not necessarily undeserving, the 2004 Oscars were basically a gigantic parade for one film, or trilogy for that matter.

The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King made a grand sweep through all the categories, winning all eleven of its nominated awards. Though it was expected to win all the technical awards such as sound mixing/editing and visual effects, *Return of the King* shocked the crowd as it triumphed over all competition, winning Best Original Score, Best Editing, Best Art Direction, Best Original Song, Best Makeup, Best Costume Design, and overcoming difficult opponents to win Best Adapted Screenplay. The only two films to ever win eleven Oscars were William Wyler's epic, *Ben-Hur*, and the incredibly undeserving *Titanic*. (I feel *LA Confidential* was a far superior and worthy film for the Best Picture nod). *The Return of King* crowd was so huge, it basically occupied a quarter of the orchestra seating at the ceremony. All the winners appeared almost unworthy on the stage, which, last Sunday, was basically owned by Peter Jackson's trilogy. On top of the nine aforementioned awards, *Return of the King* took home the prestigious Best Director and Best Picture awards. Though its closest competitors, *Mystic River* and *Lost in Translation*, were spectatcular film, Jackson's work is utterly deserving. It is a true feat of filmmaking, almost a decade in the making. When the Academy awarded Jackson the Best Picture Oscar, they were basically commending the entire project, not just the last tripart.

Additionally to *Return of the King*, Clint Eastwood's film was a big success at the Oscars. Both films were similar, especially due the fact that they were brought to life through spectacular ensemble casting. The Academy recognized this fact by awarding Sean Penn Best Actor and Tim Robbins Best Supporting Actor. Sean Penn has had a versatile film career and was out of the spotlight until recently. 2003 was his year, however, and he delivered unstoppable and powerful dramatic performances in *Mystic River* and *21 Grams*. Tim Robbins was equally great, depicting a terribly multifaceted family man, haunted by a horrific past and lingering guilt. *Mystic River* was a fabulous film and deserved to be honored in a magnitude o f fields. It was, however, a close second in most categories (such as screenwriting and directing) to *Return of the King*, which could not be overcome in any sense. Furthermore, Eastwood has already been a three-time winner at the Oscars while Jackson is a much younger newbie.

Though Charlize Theron's previous career has been a resume of crappy action flicks and idiotic dramas, she proved her acting prowess as she took home the Oscar for Best Actress. In her depiction of a serial killer in *Monster*, she underwent a dramatic physical transformation, turning the South African beauty into a barely recognizable brute. It was a big year for Renee Zellweger, who though had been nominated for her performances in *Bridget Jones' Diary* and

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The crew, cast, and millions of *Lord of the Rings* fans knew exactly how Gollum felt in this moment when watching the Oscars Sunday night.

ATTENTION:

Doria Roberts and Katie Reider will be performing in the Events Barn on Wednesday, March 31 at 8p.m. Here is the blurb from the events calendar:

Come kick off Womyn's Energy Week with great music and tasty Opus goodies! Both Roberts and Reider have established themselves as creative free-thinking musicians. Flagpole Magazine describes Roberts as being a "talented, soulful singer and acoustic guitarist from Atlanta [who] performed at Lilith Fair and regularly delivers a blend of Bohemian pop infused with elements of folk, jazz and rock around her hometown. [She's] moody, breezy and infectious." www.doriaroberts.com

Penn, Theron take acting Oscars

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Chicago, did not receive commendation until this year, when she was awarded the award for Best Supporting Actress. After two past years of anticipation and let down, Zellweger tearfully stepped up to the mic, graciously thanking all who helped her. Furthermore, 2004 was a big year for some films that did not even win Oscars. For example, Fernando Meirelles' brilliant *City of God* was nominated for directing and screenplay awards. This was a huge feat because the film was a low budget foreign work, which usually are not even be nominated.

The 2004 ceremony saw many disappointing events. *Lost in Translation*, Sofia Copolla's fabulously original and humorous film, was outdone by *Return of the King* in almost all fields. It was only able to receive one award, Best Original Screenplay. The Weinstein brothers, chairmen of Miramax, usually reign over the Oscars. Miramax dominated Oscars over the past few years, with *Chicago*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Cider House Rules*, *Gangs of New York*, and *Good Will Hunting*. However, this year was a flop for the Weinstein brothers; their big Oscar hopeful, *Cold Mountain*, barely got nominated, and many of their other 2003-2004 films flopped. Maybe the reign of Harvey Weinstein is dwindling down. Other disappointments of the night included *Big Fish*, which received one nomination for Danny Elfman's music (but lost to *Return of the King*), and *Master and Commander*, which though nominated in many categories, only received a cinematography award.

Despite the predictable winners, the entire telecast seemed somewhat dull. After Michael Moore's 2003 attack of President Bush and the recent attacks CBS faced after the Janet Jackson nudity incident, ABC created a very reserved show. It was the first time the show was ever televised with a delay, and the show's comedy was held back and generally unfunny. Even Billy Crystal was not in his prime. The Oscar's are usually a very superficial event, usually promoting values of materialism and vanity, as the stars parade down the carpet wearing $10,000 Gucci toe rings. However, despite all the lame acceptance speeches and cue card readings, the show reminds us how wonderful and magical the movies can be.

Tasting draws wine lovers

Alexandra Sear '05 covers fine wine on the Hill

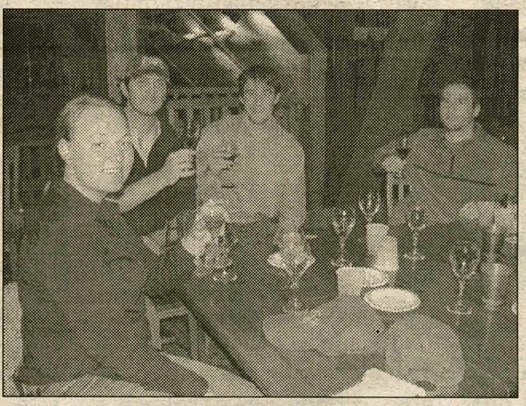
The Little Pub was a lively spot this Thursday during the Hamilton Wine Tasting Club's first tasting of the semester. Students, faculty, and staff members were treated to a selection of red and white whites, accompanied by a delightful spread of cheese, fruit and other hors d'oeuvres.

The event featured Stefano Ringer, Winery Manager for Trinchero Family Estates. Trinchero is the sixth largest winery in the world and owns vineyards throughout Napa Valley, California and New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Ringer is Trinchero's New York State representative, and the Wine Tasting Club brought him from Elmira to lead the presentation.

Approximately 35 people attended the tasting, comfortably filling the upstairs of the pub. There was a refined, relaxed atmosphere alive with conversation surrounding the proceedings, as participants considered each glass carefully and then shared observations after each one.

All of the wines accompanying Mr. Ringer's talk were from vineyards owned by Trinchero and ranged from light Chardonnays to flavorful Cabernet Sauvignons.

Mr. Ringer's presentation gave some very interesting information on the various wines. He spoke on the proper care of wines, the chemistry behind each wine's fermentation, and the color and care of different types of grapes.



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Hamilton students enjoy a nice glass of zinfandel at Thursday's wine tasting.

Some participants simply couldn't identify their favorite wine of the evening, but most definitely preferred one wine above the others. Matt Zeller '04 extolled the virtues of a 2000 Trinchero Cabernet Sauvignon. "I like the cedar taste. It's very good," he said. Patrick Danaher '04 agreed. He added "I definitely prefer the reds."

Some tasters had different palates. Carly Capitula '04 prefers a lighter wine, saying "Wow!" to a 2000 Montevina Zinfandel from Amador County, California.

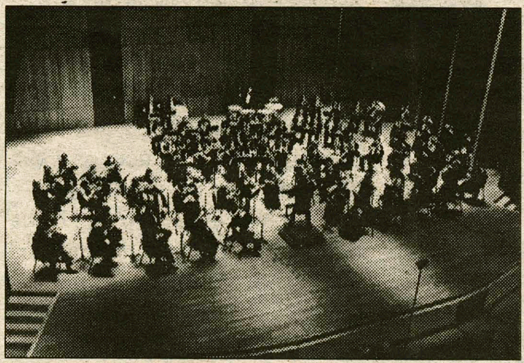
Professor of English John O'Neill attended the tasting with his wife Mary, director of the Quantitative Literacy Center. His favorite selection was a 2002 Chardonnay from Reynolds Vineyard in Australia. Professor O'Neill thought the tasting was "wonderful." The Wine Tasting Club is a great idea, he said, and it is "a very good thing when students are thoughtful drinkers."

Tasting Club President Will Fuhrman '04 agrees: "We really want to start a tradition of wine appreciation at Hamilton." He founded the club last semester with James Downey '04, who currently serves as the club's treasurer. They sponsored two tastings in the fall, hosted by Professor of Classics Carl Rubino. The club is looking to hold at least one more tasting this semester. Fuhrman and Downey are both graduating in May and are looking for "juniors with enthusiasm" to carry on the club and continue to bring fine wines to the Hill.

Dance and orchestra perform in Wellin

from ***Dance**, page 1*

Julia Berger '04, music major and viola section leader for the fourth year, says that time is important and extremely interesting in terms of 20th Century music in particular. Since two of the pieces the Orchestra will be playing are from that period, it remains a pertinent subject. She also say that a lecture concert such as the Brainstorm series is important on a liberal arts campus because "it expands one's knowledge of a subject one would not normally think twice about." She also appreciates the extra information and thinks, "the point of the "lecture" is for people to start thinking about the topic and then be a more involved listener because they will know what to listen for in the music and why the music is interesting." While time as a topic does not necessarily relate to her studies outside of music, it will for many students. There is even a sophomore seminar being taught this semester called "It's About Time", which deals with physics and literature.



C & D

HCO will perform works by Ives, Smetana, and Adams at Brainstorm this Sunday at 3pm in Wellin Hall.

The works the orchestra will be performing are by Bedrich Smetana (Die Moldau), Charles Ives (The Unanswered Question), and John Adams (The Chairman Dances), and the experience of time in each of the pieces will be the main focus. Buchman says that the program is difficult, but this reflects the growth and improvement of the orchestra over the last few years.

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Science & Technology

Andy Morgan '04 examines the perception of biological motion for his senior thesis in psychology

Stephanie Higgins '04, science & technology editor, interviews Andy Morgan '04

Stephanie Higgins: What is your hypothesis?

James "Andy" Morgan: My thesis examines biological motion and the perception of biological motion. More specifically, I'm using points of light to capture this motion. Previous studies have shown that when points of light are placed on certain parts of the body while a person is moving and shown as a video, people can tell what types of motions are happening.

SH: How much information can a person usually get out of watching these points of light in motion?

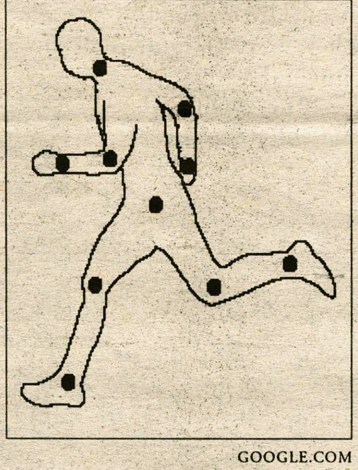
AM: This point light stimulus method is very rich and encompassing. People can tell whether the person is walking, how heavy an object is that the subject has picked up... you can tell whether they are male or female, or even who the walker is, if they are familiar with them.

My thesis is trying to figure out how this method becomes so rich. What are the characteristics of these point light dot that make them such a rich source of information? Is it the speed, is it the motion, is it the type of motion—the type of viewing apparatus? These are all different elements that I'm looking at to determine which affects the perception the most.

SH: What are you physically doing for this project?

AM: I have a computer program which allows me to digitizes the videos that I've taken. I usually take a video clip about three seconds long of someone doing an action and go frame by frame, putting dots in every frame on certain joints.

For instance, if I'm working with video footage of someone walking I'll put dots on the knee, leg, arm, and face throughout the entire video clip. Once I do that I have an Excel file with the coordinates of those video dots. These dots get displayed on a video screen and you see a bunch of moving dots instead of a person moving. And just from these dots you can very easily perceive the motion that is taking place.



Can you tell the difference between a random motion of points and those derived from real human motion?

SH: What types of motion have you already visually recorded?

AM: Walking is the big one; just someone walking on a treadmill. The best thing about this motion is that its starting and ending positions are the same. That way, the video can be continuously looped. So you can have someone walking continuously and it doesn't look odd or weird. Such motions as lying down would be weird because it has a definite starting and ending position and it really doesn't make sense to loop it.

SH: Who is your thesis advisor?

AM: Professor Jonathan Vaughan of the Psychology Department.

SH: Is this the first project he's ever done in this area?

AM: No, he's done lots of other studies like this. He's done studies with three dimentional modeling. He's doing some pretty interesting studies with obstacle avoidance and arm movements. He's attempting to generate a computer model that will avoid things similar to the way a human being will. For example, if I reach across the table top to grab a salt shaker, I don't want to spill the milk next to it, so there's a certain way I will move. He's studying how people avoid knocking things over, while avoiding obstacles. His study is a lot more to do with the performing of action, while mine has to do with the actual perception of action.

SH: Are any other students working on this project, or similar projects?

AM: Sam Ioia is working on this. I can't really discuss that much about Sam's project because I know she has a very sensitive hypothesis. However I can tell you that it's very interesting! Sam and I are pretty much the only students dealing with biological motion and motion in general.

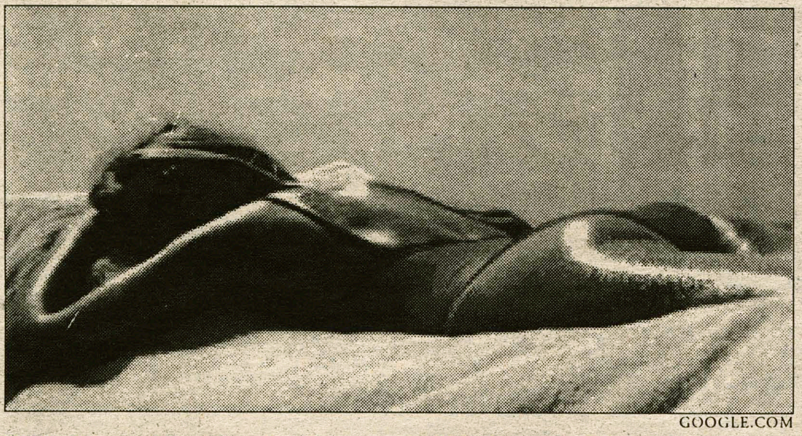
SH: What are your plans for next year?

AM: I'm planning to teach elementary school students at a private school.

The dangers of the sun: what you should know before you head for the beach for spring break

Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

As we struggle through this coming week, many of us will have a similar image in mind to help us survive: lying on a white sand beach with cool blue water lapping at the shore, and our body developing a luxurious tan. But that is where the fantasy ends and the dangers of tanning begin.



Thinking of baking in the sun? Think again!

Tanning can cause many problems. An immediate problem is the painfulness of sunburns. After years of exposure, eye damage, cataracts, premature aging, immune system damage, and cancer may develop.

Tanning, either on a bed or in the sun, is the most effective way to develop skin cancer. There are three types of skin cancer. There are basal cell and squamous cell cancers, which are most common and less severe. There is also malignant melanom cancer, which is less common, but more fatal.

The two rays that cause damage are ultraviolet-A (UVA) and ultraviolet-B (UVB) rays. UVA rays are the ones used in tanning beds. UVA rays are two to three times more powerful in tanning beds and cause about 90% of cancer cases. In fact, tanning bed light is right up there with tobacco, listed as known government carcinogen.

The problem with tanning begins with sunburns. Sunburns are the result of prolonged exposure and blood rushing to the skin to repair damage, resulting in redness.

Sunburns begin about four hours after exposure and peak between eight to 24 hours later. Sunburns provide a greater risk of developing cancer. The skin is already damaged and after repeated yearly exposure cancerous cells can begin to develop.

We are hopefully all intelligent enough to realize that damage from the sun can be prevented. But in case our minds have become foggy from a demanding academic life, here are some reminders.

Sunscreen is your best friend. It not only allows you to meet people ("Would you mind rubbing this on my back?"), but it also blocks and absorbs UV rays, helping you stay healthy and attractive. Use SPF 15 or higher and apply early and frequently if you are going to be outside. You still achieve a lovely glow, but without the danger burning.

Sunburns indicate that your skin has been damaged.

However, one cannot survive on sunscreen alone; it is only a preventive measure. Most sunscreens only have UVA which prevents basal cell and squamous cell cancers, not malignant melanom. UVA and UVB protection is what you should look for, but this is not enough.

UVB rays are quite strong and there are no sunscreens that eliminate the danger. Better protection is achieved with wearing protective clothing, staying in well shaded areas and avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This does not sound tremendously appealing to most vacationers and I would not expect most people to follow this advice religiously. Day to day tanning is the worst type and what many people do when on vacation. But by adopting some of these ideas into your sun worshipping schedule, and constantly wearing sunscreen, you can achieve a tan and prevent future damage.

Do not be a person who says "I tan easily," and refuse to protect yourself. You may not develop a burn, but your body will still receive damaging UV rays, possibly causing cancer or other damages later in life.

So take these tips and put them to use. If you still think you are to cool to waste ten minutes to apply sunscreen or put on a hat, just think of Magda from "There's Something About Mary." If that's what you want to resemble later in life, than go ahead and lather on the baby oil and iodine.

Magda catching some rays.

Sol-gel glasses

A glimpse into current research on the Hill

Lindsay Rubenstein '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Sol-gel research is applied in many practical areas, including optics, protective and porous films, optical coatings, window insulation, electronic coatings, high temperature superconductors, reinforcement fibers, fillers, phosphor materials, and catalysts.

The sol-gel process begins with a chemical reaction in which small molecules are linked together into a polymer that then forms a large interconnected molecule.

The sol aspect of the process involves a colloidal suspension, which forms inorganic associations. The gel portion is named for the gelation that occurs after the suspension, and results in a network of molecules in a liquid phase.

Sol-gel research began in the late nineteenth century. In the early 1930s, scientists began to study the sol-gel process extensively, an exploration which continues today.

Professors Karen Brewer and Ann Silversmith of the Chemistry and Physics Departments, respectively, have brought this valuable research here to Hamilton. Since they began working together in 1997, Brewer and Silversmith have involved many Hamilton students in their research and have presented their findings at national conferences.

One of the most interesting aspects of the sol-gel research is its integration of two different areas of science. "Any kind of material science is at the interface between chemistry and physics," said Silversmith. "We try to encourage Karen's students to come and work on the optical measurements, and we encourage the physics students to work in the chemistry lab, too."

The project also involves a close partnership between Silversmith and Brewer. "The idea is that Karen is in charge of making these materials, but we're really interested in not so much how beautiful they look, but we want to understand the optical properties" said Silversmith. She and her researchers then observe how the materials that Brewer synthesized interact with light.

"What we are looking for is a high fluorescence efficiency. When we shine UV light on the materials we're looking for them to glow and emit light" Silversmith explained. "We're also looking at how when we change the chemistry the optical properties change substantially" said Brewer.

Brewer and Silversmith have several plans to further the development of their research. Brewer is currently writing a grant which would enable her to synthesize thin films of sol-gel derived glass in addition to the cylindrical shapes that she produces now. The pair is also examining nanoparticles in the sol-gel derived glass.

"Nanoparticles are just really small crystals and we are suspending those into gels and looking at their optical behavior" Brewer explained. She is also planning to take two posters to the national American Chemical Society meeting in March, where she will present her work. "It goes beyond the hill," Brewer stated of their sol-gel research. Not only do they present their work nationally, but the professors also collaborate with two other physicists at other colleges as well.

Want to write for Science & Technology? e-mail shiggins or jruch.

Geek of the Week: *Tom Heacock '06*

Jon Rees '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Sign: Cosine
Major: Math
In 2006, what will you be?: An English major.
Addition or subtraction?: What?
Multiplication, or division?: Niner.
Extracurricular activities: Hanging out, playing squash and tennis, teaching tennis...
Describe your daily routine: First I wake up and drop a natural log. After that's done, I'll eat the most integral meal to any academic day: corn pops. I derive great pleasure from said meal. Next I attend all of my classes and study. The fun goes on for infinity.
Favorite food: pi
If you had a million dollars, what would you do?: I tell you what I'd do: two chicks at the same time.
Favorite proportion: 30:1.
Worst. Grade. Ever. : B
Who's your number one in the mathematics department?: LeMas! I think everyone who has ever had a class with her can agree. She is so hot right now.
If you could be any student on campus, who would you be, and why?: I would be Kyle Psaty because he talks...so...slowly.
What's your favorite topic in math?: Iterated intergrals. So hot right now.
How does it feel to be unanimously nominated to be this week's major geek?: Good to very good.
Heacock, how did you feel about this interview?: I'm bored to the limit, take me to L'Hôpital!
What is the probability that you'll get some on the account of you being the "Geek of the week"?: Well, currently I'm happily taken. So it'll probably be a couple of weeks.

You're Invited to the Third Annual Kirkland Project Conference
Student Cultures: "Let's Talk About Sex" at Hamilton

Saturday, March 6th, Kirner-Johnson Red Pit

The conference will be an exciting chance for students and faculty to talk frankly about sex as it intersects with gender, race, class, and sexual orientation. We hope to come out of the day with some concrete recommendations to improve the campus climate. All of the events are free and open to the public. We encourage participation in part or all of the day's activities. If you will be joining us for lunch, please email the conference coordinator, Laura Crandall (lcrandal@hamilton.edu).

9:00-9:30 Registration with Opus Goodies
9:30-10:30 Presentations by Kirkland Project Research Associates: Mark Castro '05, Haley Reimbold '06, Brian Tilley '05, and Nesa Wasarhaley '04, along with student researcher Marsha Joachim '06
10:30-11:15 "In Someone Else's Eyes: The Hyper-(In)visibility of Black Women's Sexuality"
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fazio, '04; Shelley Haley, Africana Studies and Women's Studies; Janine Knight, '05
11:30-12:45 "Sex and Sexuality in Theory and Practice" a student and faculty panel including Professor Vivyan Adair, Women's Studies and ACCESS; Anna Arnold, '04; Ms. Phyllis Breland, Director of Opportunities Program; Mary Beatrice (Bea) Dias, '04; Jenny Irons, Sociology; Lindsey Randolph, '04; and Gregory Rodriguez, '06
1:00-2:00 Lunch in McEwen
Introducing Women's Sexuality on Campus: Experiences in Enacting the Vagina Monologues on Mohawk Valley College Campuses
Dr. Kristina A. Boylan, Assistant Professor of History, SUNY-IT; Katie Bespalko (SUNY-IT); Lindsey Crusan (Hamilton); Virginia Dockerty (SUNY-IT), Melissa Emhof (SUNY-IT), Marjorie Kazin (Hamilton), Shawna Thornton (SUNY-IT)
2:00-5:00 Sexual Privilege Activity with Dean Marc David
"The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Sex Positives and Negatives at Hamilton"
Break out discussion groups with student/faculty facilitating teams to discuss Double Standards; Sexual Assault; Sexual Pleasure; Masculinity and Femininity; Hamilton's Hook-Up Culture; Gender Identity; Alcohol and the Sexual Culture; etc.
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Men's basketball wins UCAA Tournament

*from **Men's Basketball,** page 24*

end the game, both the team and the Dawg Pound rushed the floor in celebration of the second consecutive UCAA Championship. The team accepted the trophy following the game, and Smith and Leone were both named to the All-Tournament team. Hite led all scorers with 40 points, but his effort was not enough to help his team eclipse the 100-point mark. Hamilton had balanced scoring with four players in double-digits and two not far from it. Leone finished with 28, followed by Smith who had twenty-one points and twelve rebounds. Tim Welchons '06 also scored twenty and Evans finished with eighteen. Cantil had nine points in addition to a game-high six assists, and TK finished with eight points and seven rebounds. The Continentals hit sixteen of thirty three-pointers as a team for the game.

"Jared [Hite] is a hell of a player," commented Smith after the game. "And when we realized he was having the kind of night he was, we just wanted to make sure whenever anyone else shot, we got the rebounds. Mike Evans gave us the lead in the first half and he was huge off the bench. The crowd was amazing tonight, and it was great seeing the lacrosse team in their blue jumpsuits come in after their games. Everyone wants to go out on a winning note senior year, and this year's seniors will leave with a great feeling."

Coach Murphy was equally pleased with the effort of the team. "We're a balanced team," remarked Murphy, "and we had the open guys shooting all weekend, and the shots were going down. When we find the open man, we're a tough team to beat. We defended pretty well both games; there were just a lot of possessions on Saturday night. You never want to let a team back in the game, but everyone in March is a good team, so you have to expect the runs and fight them off. This was a great weekend of basketball. For someone who walked in off the street, this was great basketball to watch, three exciting, entertaining games."

PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

Steve Nelson (42) battles for position on the blocks against a tough Fisher defense in the first half.

In the UCAA semifinal, Hamilton defeated Clarkson 79-68. The Continentals grabbed a 6-4 lead two minutes into the game and would not trail the rest of the way. Much like the last time these two teams played, Hamilton came out shooting the ball well and built a sixteen point lead on two occasions before going to the half up 41-29. Leone had ten points in the first half, and Welchons and TK each added nine. Smith had seven points, but a team-leading ten rebounds, and Cantil had a solid line with four points, four rebounds, three assists, and one steal. Hamilton hit six of fourteen three-point attempts in the first half, but cooled down from long range in the second half going 0-6.

Clarkson rallied back to within four late in the second half, but could never get the game to one possession, and Hamilton pulled away down the stretch with some excellent free throw shooting. Hamilton's five starters scored all 79 of the points, with Leone leading all scorers with nineteen. TK added nineteen points and ten rebounds, and Smith finished with seventeen points and sixteen rebounds. Cantil scored eleven, pulled in nine rebounds, and handed out four assists, while Welchons finished with thirteen.

"In big games, we want to come out and play well early and set the tone," said Leone. "Joe [Smith] and I are trying to step up and take the lead not only with scoring but also with intensity. We can't just be the vocal leaders; we have to step up and play well. The crowd was unbelievable tonight, and they are every time. That's why we wanted to host the tournament, and that's why we want to host an NCAA Tournament."

In the game, Leone passed the 1,000-career point mark at Hamilton. He needed 10 points coming into the weekend to eclipse the barrier, becoming the 27th Hamilton player to do so.

Hamilton will begin its search for a new head coach in the upcoming weeks. The decision will likely have to wait until the end of the Division I season as some assistant coaches will likely apply for the job. It is unlikely that any of the coaching staff will be back next year once a new coach brings in his own assistants.

The Continentals finished the season with a 19-8 record, averaging 80 points per game. Joe Smith led Hamilton averaging over twenty-one points and nearly eleven rebounds per game. Smith may receive All-American honors, but the All-American teams will not be announced until the Division I Final Four in San Antonio in April. Last year, Joe Finley '03 made the All-American First Team.

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Spring Previews

Expectations are high for men's lacrosse

by Michael Osborne '05
SPORTS EDITOR

In 2003, the Hamilton College men's lacrosse team set school records for most victories in a season with 15, and also advanced further than any team in the history of the program. The team not only won the UCAA Tournament, but they were also three wins shy of a National Championship, as they lost 8-7 in overtime to Cortland State in the national quarterfinals.

However, 2004 brings with it a new year, a new team, and new expectations. These expectations are not lower than last year, and the team will look to advance past the national quarterfinals and into the Final Four for Division III men's lacrosse. The team begins the season with high expectations, as they are ranked 8th in the country by one poll, and 14th in another poll.

The team's roster brings with it many veteran faces with post-season experience, as well as one of the best recruiting classes in the program's history. The 2004 edition of the Hamilton men's lacrosse team will be a much deeper and quicker team than the 2003 one. The team will look to continue its dominance in work ethic, defense, and offensive production.

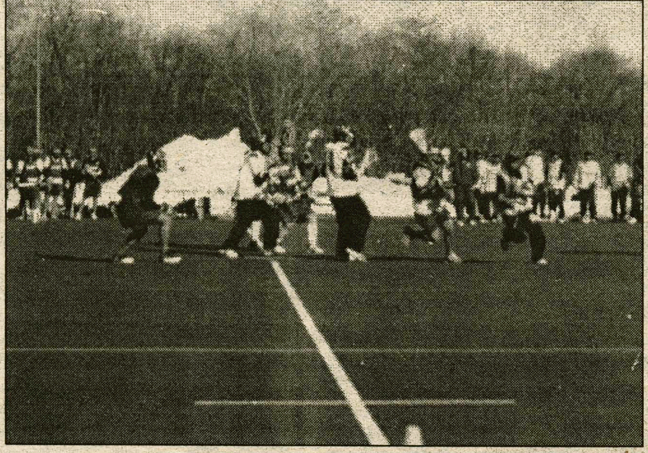


PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

The Continentals will look to build on last year's successful NCAA Tournament run.

The team will be strong in all aspects of the game, from goalie to attack. Hamilton will possess one of the most lethal attack groups in all of Division III lacrosse. The group will consist of senior captain, Dan Geiger, junior X-man, Jim Henry, and sophomore Jack Newton. Newton is making the switch from midfield to attack, where he had a sensational rookie season. Geiger will be looked upon to increase his physical play and to continue to bring his leadership and offensive production from last year to the team day in and day out. Henry will be the quarterback of the team's offense, and will also be asked to increase his offensive production from last season.

Moving on out, the team and the coaching staff are looking for the group of midfielders to continue their strong play all over the field, and to step up offensively. Last season, the attack was responsible for 70% of the team's points, a number that the midfielders this season will look to bring down. Leading the way, are seniors Evan Teiger and Reed Coleman. Coleman returns this season after a semester in Spain last year. In addition to these two seniors, Scott Cohen '05, Eric Luoma '06, Travis Modic '07, Patrick Hooper '07, Mike Daley '07, and Jesse Walker '07 will bring athleticism and speed to a midfield group that may be one of the best and deepest in the conference. Coach Gene McCabe believes that the conference Rookie-of-the-Year will be one of the four freshman midfielders.

Last season, the Continentals thrived on team defense. With two of last year's starters back, the unit will once again look to dominate. Senior captain Rob Gifis and junior George Spilios will anchor the defensive corps. Both will be looked upon for their leadership, consistency, physical play, and intimidation. Freshman Nate Harris has looked solid in the preseason, and is fighting for the final spot with sophomore Seth Coburn and junior Sean Carrigan.

In addition to these crease defensemen, the Conts possess some of the strongest defensive midfielders in the country. Leading the group is long pole Andy Laskowski '04. Laskowski has been selected as a second team pre-season All-American in additon to being named a team captain. Laskowski possesses an intensity and work ethic that is unmatched by anyone in the country. In addition to Laskowski, captain Leland Candler '04 and Matt Innes '05 are some of the best short-stick defenders in the conference.

If all else fails, the team will look to another seasoned veteran in goalie, Jason Mleczko '04. Coach McCabe had the following to say about Mleczko, "We are hoping Jason picks up where he left off last season. We feel that he was one of the best goaltenders in the country at the end of last season. He's a game-changer, and can really impact the outcome of a game. We are looking for that from him again this year."

While the players are in place for another great run, the schedule Hamilton plays is one of the toughest in the country. The UCAA has three teams ranked in the Top 20 in the country. The five top teams in the league all possess the ability to make a run deep into the NCAA Tournament. These teams include Clarkson, St. Lawrence, Hamilton, R.P.I., and Skidmore.

So far, the coaching staff has been very pleased with the pre-season, and believes that this weekend will tell a lot about how far along the team is. The team scrimmages national champions, LeMoyne College and Herkimer College. In addition to having a strong post-season, the team is looking to go 3-0 on the Spring Break trip to Florida, which features games against Cabrini, Bowdoin, and Potsdam, win at Clarkson in early April, and come together as a team.

The players and systems are in place for another successful season for the men's lacrosse team. With enthusiasm and a yearning to exceed expectations, this team will be a very exciting and successful team to watch this spring.

Men's baseball looks to improve from last season

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

This year's Continental baseball team heads into the season with a youthful injection, adding ten freshman to an already young team (two seniors and four juniors out of 26 ballplayers), as they look to improve on last year's 5-20 record under head coach John Keady. With an experienced pitching staff, new talent, and an off-season full of hard work, the team's outlook is promising.

There is a core group of returning players that the Continental baseball team looks to build around as the season approaches. A few key returners, whom Keady spoke highly of in a recent interview, could very well be the difference-makers. "Tom Bradley '04, one of this year's captains, was one of our more productive batters last season," said Keady. He added, "he plays right field and batted 3rd for us last season, and was near the top three in RBIs and total bases." Bradley's co-captain Matt Keough '04 looks to be a force on the mound, as he comes back from an injury-shortened junior year in which "he started the season as the number two starter on the team."

The other top returning pitcher is sophomore Jamie Mathews '06 who "as a freshman last year pitched 46 innings, the second most ever in a single season at Hamilton College," said Keady. "He is a control spot pitcher who gets a lot of ground balls. He is productive and the players have confidence in him," Keady said of the sophomore who looks to pitch in the number one starting spot again this season. Mathews was 2-2 last season in seven starts and looks to improve with a year's experience under his belt. Justin Parker '06, who was second on the team in batting average last season, also returns to "play 2nd or 3rd base." According to Keady, "Parker is pretty sound defensively, and that's how he found his way into the lineup. He then produced offensively and found a niche on the team as a freshman." Other returners who played significantly last season are Adam Lavallee '05, Paul Kibbe '05, and Rob Bessett '05, as well as Eric Villanova '06, Chris Keane '06, Nick DeMartini '06, and Ben Preston-Friedman '06.

In addition to these returning players, an exciting crop of new talent and players returning from injury looks to spark a few more wins this season for the Continentals. "We are hoping [Andrew] DeCastro '05 can stay healthy," said Keady of the junior who has missed the past two seasons due to injury. The aforementioned Matt Keough also should come on strong after rehabilitating his injured elbow. One of the real impact players looks to be Devon Halleran '06, "a transfer shortstop from Division I Fordham." Halleran and fellow-transfer Brandon Leyden '06 are new faces who are surely to be in the mix this season. The new freshmen faces are also looking to take their game from the high school to the college level. Two-sport superstar Tom "Turbo" Tidgwell '07 "looks good at catcher" according to Keady, and fellow freshmen Pat Suarez , Benji Borowski, and John Porges look to stir things up at 2nd/3rd base, 3rd base/outfield, and pitcher/outfield respectively.

For their spring trip, the team will travel to Florida, where they will play 14 games, including their 3-game NESCAC series against Williams. Under the supervision of Williams graduate George Steinbrenner, the Continentals will play one game at the Yankee Complex in Tampa, Florida. "The days will be pretty busy," Keady said, "we will be playing a lot of baseball." This should help prepare the team for their challenging schedule this season.

With a strong performance in Florida, the season's outlook will be "promising." Coach Keady feels that "things are always going to be optimistic. Last year [the team] had seven freshman pitchers. With Keough coming back and added experience, [the team is] looking to improve."

With only two seniors, the team is starting with a void in leadership that should be filled fairly quickly. "Our leadership is more based on example than people verbally leading. It can't come from just the upperclassmen, so younger kids on the team will have to step up," explained Keady. "We have some pretty competitive athletes that should make the difference in a few games," he added. As for big games, "they are all big games. We will take it one at a time and build on each one."

This building process will start as the team heads to Florida, and hopefully by the time they head back to the ice and snow of the Hill, the foundation for a great season will have been laid.

Women's hockey makes history with playoff win

by Michael Osborne '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's hockey team took to the ice this past Saturday afternoon looking to make history. The Lady Conts were looking to earn a berth in the NESCAC Final Four for the first time in the three-year history of the postseason tournament. In addition to this, the Lady Conts were looking for the first postseason victory in the eight-year history of the women's hockey program. The Lady Conts were also faced with the pressure of hosting the game. However, the team did not look at this as pressure.

When asked about this pressure, Coach Bryant responded by saying, "I think it was more excitement for the opportunity to advance. Hosting was huge. Our crowds have been unbelievable in the past few weeks and that definitely makes a difference."

The Lady Conts put their names in the record books for the above categories as a result of their 6-1 victory over the Lord Jeffs of Amherst College. The team, playing with the confidence of their-six game winning streak, jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first period. Emma Griffith '07 scored her first goal of the season just over five minutes into the game. Marissa Halligan '05 and Jane Bradley '06 picked up the assists. Kristina Carroll '07 doubled Hamilton's lead just over twelve minutes later on an unassisted goal. The defensive corps of the Lady Conts led by goaltender Caitlin Connelly '07 who made 13 saves in the period shut down the Lord Jeffs and the team headed into the first intermission with a 2-0 lead.

PHOTO BY LETTY BEDARD '06

Kristina Carroll (9) clears the puck out of the zone.

The second period opened with Amherst cutting the Lady Conts lead in half just over fifty seconds into the period. However, the Lady Conts did not fold, or let Amherst possess the momentum for long as senior Eden Self responded just under two minutes later on a goal, with an assist going to Zoe Baldwin '06 to extend Hamilton's lead to 3-1. Play went back and forth for the next twelve minutes as neither team was able to score, and it looked like Hamilton would take a 3-1 lead into the final period. However, Hamilton put the game out of reach with two goals to close out the second period to increase their lead to 5-1. Zoe Baldwin scored Hamilton's fourth goal with an assist going to Erica Colligan '06 at 14:15 of the second period. Just over two minutes later, Marissa Halligan added a goal with assists going to Jane Bradley and Emma Griffith.

The Lady Conts put the clamps down defensively in the third period. Hamilton was pleased with their four goal lead, and played heads-up defensively for the entire period, and put the nail in the coffin with just under three minutes left in the game. Jane Bradley put Hamilton's sixth and final goal up on the board, with an assist going to Marissa Halligan. In all, Caitlin Connelly made 23 saves to earn the victory in the Hamilton net.

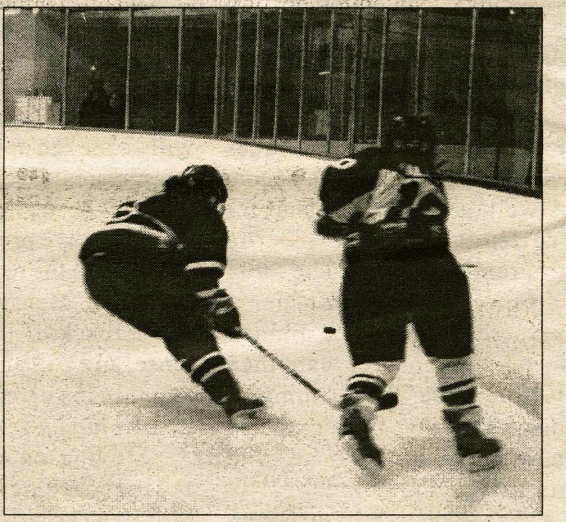
Coach Bryant had this to say about her team's victory, "The amount of confidence that this team has picked up in our last 5 games has been a tremendous boost to our level of play. We are shooting the puck and rebounding well. The defensemen are finding holes and the forwards are crashing the net. This leads to many opportunities and we are finishing well."

With the victory, Hamilton extended their record winning streak to six games, and in addition earned a date with #1 seed, and 5th ranked, Bowdoin College. The game will be played this Saturday at Bowdoin, the site of the NESCAC Final Four. Hamilton lost to Bowdoin 5-2 and 11-2 earlier this season. However the team and Coach Bryant hope that the previous two games will help the Lady Conts come out victorious in Saturday's game.

Coach Shannon Bryant had the following to say about the date with Bowdoin: "Bowdoin is a quick team. They will be aggressive in all zones. We will have to make good decisions with the puck and play smart hockey."

If Hamilton wins on Saturday, they will play in the NESCAC Championship against the winner of the other semi-final game which pits the Ephs of Williams College against the Panthers of Middlebury.

In addition to the recent team achievements over the past couple of weeks, some members of the team received individual honors this past week. Senior captain Eden Self was named to the All-NESCAC Second Team. Self was the lone representative from Hamilton on the all-NESCAC team. Self, who currently has 111 career points at Hamilton, is the leading assist scorer in the history of the Hamilton program.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Marissa Halligan (10) fights for the puck in the offensive zone.

Caitlin Connelly was also recently honored by being named the NESCAC Player of the Week. This honor followed her being named the national defensive Player of the Week for the week of February 26. Connelly, who has been a wall in the Hamilton net all season, looks to continue her fine play this weekend at Bowdoin.

While the team has accomplished a lot so far this season, don't look for the Lady Conts just to be happy up in Bowdoin this weekend. The team will be looking to continue making history, and in the process earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Coach Bryant had the following to say about the team's attitude and accomplishments this season: "We are excited and intense. Advancing to the semifinals of the NESCAC was one of our goals we set at the start of the season. To achieve that after all the adversity this team has faced is huge."

Men's hockey dominates Bowdoin, 4-0

MacNeil records another shutout; Altberg adds hat trick

by Andrew DeCastro '05
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The men's hockey team had the unfortunate task of heading to Bowdoin for the second game against the Polar Bears in as many weeks. Bowdoin, looking to avenge its losses two weeks ago and last year's playoff loss, had plenty of motivation come game time. The Continentals, despite playing in a hostile environment, dominated the Polar Bears, 4-0.

The Continentals enjoyed the return of Altberg '05, who scored three goals and added an assist in the winning effort. Despite missing almost the entire season due to injury, Altberg stepped right into the lineup and proved to the main scoring threat for the Conts. Only two weeks ago, Hamilton could only muster one goal at even strength against the Polar Bear before adding an empty netter. Last weekend, however, the Conts scored three goals while adding an empty netter. Captain Jeff Corey '04 commented on the offensive difference between the two games.

"In playoff hockey, you always need to look to your third and fourth lines for contribution when the going gets tough. That's exactly what happened this part Saturday. The third line stepped up and were major contributors."

Besides Altberg, goaltender Robbie MacNeil '05 was amazing between the pipes once again. Macneil got his second shutout against Bowdoin this year, stopping 40 shots. During the home strech and playoffs, MacNeil has been one of the main reasons for the Conts success. MacNeil commented on the difficulty of getting shutting out one of the best Division III team in the country for a second time.

"The opposition doesn't let up, they take nothing for granted after being shutout. But I felt in the second game the team defense was better than in our first game against Bowdoin. They may have had more shots, but the only time I felt any offensive pressure from Bowdoin was on their power play. That's clearly a reflection of our defensemen working harder in our own zone and our forwards being committed to backchecking.

MacNeil added that the defensemen were major reasons for the shutout. Locking on man's in the defensive zones, eliminating the opportunity for cyclying, and finishing checks just some of the things MacNeil highlighted as contributed to the success of team defense.

This week the Conts travel to Vermont to face the Panthers of Middlebury. Middlebury, currently ranked second in the nation, dominated the Continentals earlier this season, 3-0. In addition to being shut out, the Conts were held to under ten shots for the only time this year.

Because of the stellar play of MacNeil, a victory up at Middlebury is a distinct possibility. It's no secret that Middlebury has the fastest, most skilled players in the country. But funny things can happen to visiting underdogs when they're riding a hot goaltender. Middlebury isn't familiar with playing from behind, and if the Conts can get ahead earlier, the Panthers may crumble. MacNeil will have to have the best performance in his life in between the pipes, and each player on Hamilton will have to play sixty minutes of flawless hockey. Any small mistakes, and Middlebury will capitalize. But don't count the Conts out, because they enter the game playing the best puck of the season, and have a lot of confidence and drive, two elements that can't be read from any set of statistics.

Middlebury enters the game after easily defeating Tufts University. No senior on the Hamilton hockey team has beaten Middlebury in their respective careers. Jeff Corey realized this, and looked up with inspiration as he spoke.

"This victory means more than I can explain to you in words. We invest more time and commitment into being a successful hockey team then probably anything else in our lives. There will most likely be tears shed no matter what the result this weekend."

Let's hope the Conts get the W, and bring the tissues for Jeff, regardless of the outcome.

Men's swimming finishes 5th at NESCAC meet

Salmon '06 dominates in one and three meter diving

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

The men's swimming and diving team traveled to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine this past weekend for its annual NESCAC competition, where it totaled 1,086.5 points to finish in fifth place behind Amherst, Tufts, Middlebury, and perennial powerhouse Williams. The team matched the women's team fifth place finish, and like the women, had various national qualifiers and standout performances.

The most dominant performance for the Continentals came from diver Mike Salmon '06 who continued his streak of great performances into NESCACs. Salmon won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions, certainly pulling his share of the load for the team. Coach Davis spoke highly of Salmon saying, "No doubt he proved himself to be the best diver in the entire NESCAC, and in my opinion should battle for a possible national title in St. Louis. He was calm, confident, and focused all week."

There were two other Hamilton swimmers who stood out in their overall performances. Steve Morris '06 and Aran Lawrence '05each earned 77 points for the Continentals, putting them each in the top 25 for individual point totals at the meet. Morris finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle, while Lawrence took fifth in the 100-yard freestyle. Tim Reed '06 also stepped up with a sixth place finish in the 200-yard butterfly.

Also, a few unsung heroes came through with impact performances in the clutch. "Interestingly enough, some of our biggest drops came from our depth guys: men like Matt Sullivan '06, Nate Emmons '07, Tucker Hutchinson '07, Tim Kearney '07 come to mind immediately when I think of how fast (relative to their in-season seed times) they swam." When it came time for competition, these swimmers went above and beyond their expectations."

In all, the swimmers made quite a few cuts for the NCAA championships held in St. Louis on March 18-20. According to a pleased coach Davis, "those swimmers include the 200 free relay (Lawrence, Thompson, Fink, and Saunders); the 400 medley relay (Thompson, Morris, Fink, Lawrence); the 400 free relay (Thompson, Saunders, Fink, and Lawrence); Tim Reed in the 500 free; Steve Morris in the 100 & 200 breaststrokes, Mike Salmon in 1m & 3m diving, Aran Lawrence in the 50 & 100 freestyle, and Andrew Fink '05 in the 100 butterfly." Those who made cuts are now in the training stages once again, and will "increase in yardage for this week and then they will gradually taper from that new yardage. The re-taper is a tough process because it basically entails recreating a mini-season within a 2-week period." He added, "We will be working on technique, breaking down our race details (starts, turns, finishes, and exchanges), and reacquainting our bodies to some base aerobic training. In this time, we hope there is a quick growth of hair on the body and we'll shave again once we get to the National Championship meet." As they prepare, the excitement builds to once again do something special.

As for Nationals, the outlook is very promising. Coach Davis explained, "we look very good right now. I would say that our relays will provide the back-bone of our meet. Our approximate seeding in the 200 & 400 free Relays should be around 5th or 6th in the country; the medleys will be decent, especially if Steve Morris (breaststroke) is invited. The 800 free relay will be a tougher race for us because we'll unfortunately be leaving Tim Reed and Christian Warner '07 home, who won't be invited to the meet. Individually, Mike will shine in both diving events. Like I said earlier, he's the best in New York and New England and I think on the right day, the best in the country! Other individuals that will have an opportunity to score outside the relay will be Aran Lawrence in the 50 and 100 freestyle and Andrew Fink in the 100 fly. The men were 15th in the country last season, and we hope to improve upon that finish."

No doubt, given the work they have put in all season, the team will give it their all. As it is the final meet for a lot of the seniors, we can expect some emotional and amazing performances in just a couple of weeks.

Track and field struggle at NYSCTC championships

Men's team finishes 9th; women's team ties for 14th

by Matt Bradley '07
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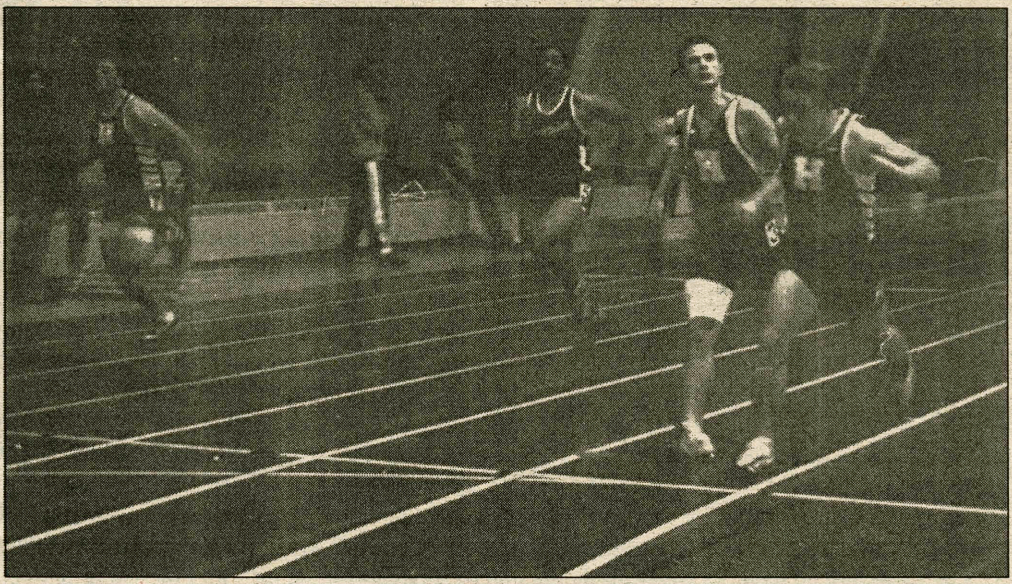

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Some select members of the track and field team will travel to Brunswick, Maine to compete in the ECAC meet starting next week on March 5th.

On February 28, the Hamilton College indoor track teams competed in the New York State Collegiate Track and Field Conference Championships. The men's squad earned a total of 33 points, enough to take away ninth place out of fourteen teams. The meet was held in Canton, NY, at St. Lawrence University. While Hamilton vied well at the meet, the top teams were RPI and SUNY Geneseo, earning 140 and 129.33 points respectively.

The women's team was not as successful in their most recent meet, however. The women's squad tied for fourteenth place, earning only one point. The 4x200-meter relay team placed ninth in its event, earning a time of 1:57.50. The women's 4x400-meter relay squad finished in eighth place, clocking in at 4:25.25. Additionally, the 4x800-meter relay team finished with a time of 10:38.02, good enough to earn them ninth place.

The women's squad had a couple notable individual performances as well. The always consistent first year performers, Jenny Orbaker and Lauren Steates had solid results in their respective events. Orbaker placed tenth in the high jump with a height of 1.25 meters, and Steates placed ninth in the triple jump, with a total distance of 9.95 meters. "Even though we didn't score that many points," comments Sarah Downey '07 about last week's meet, "basically everyone had their season bests. We're where we want to be for outdoor track season."

The men's indoor track squad also had some solid individual performances at last week's NYSCTC meet on February 28. Most notably, team captain and superstar Olamide Harrison '05 broke two school records once again, in the 200 and 400-meter dashes. Harrison finished only one-tenth of a second behind the leader in the 200-meter event, clocking in at 22.45 seconds. He placed second in the 400-meters as well, earning a time of 49.59 seconds. This time was good enough to earn Harrison a bid to compete in the prestigious NCAA championship meet on March 12-13. "Olamide is such a huge part of this team," commented junior sprinter Craig Cammarata. "He leads by example and motivates all of us to be more successful."

Harrison was also a part of the 4x400-meter relay squad comprised of Chris Dunn '05, Jesse Gaylord '06, and Rich Schwam '06. The group's time of 3:26.15 set a new school record and qualified the relay squad for the ECAC championships on March 5 and 6 at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME.

In addition to Harrison's success, there were numerous other solid individual performances. Elijah Huling '04 earned eighth place in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.79 seconds. Gaylord took eighth in the 500-meter event, clocking in at 69.04 seconds. Additionally, Dunn finished fifth in the 800-meters, earning a time of 1:56.71.

There were some successful performances in the field events as well. Steve Butterhof '05 placed sixth in the shot put, tossing it a distance of 14.34 meters. Hamilton's pole vault record holder, sophomore Kyle Graham earned seventh in his event, jumping a total height of 4.10 meters.

The 4x400 and 4x200-meter relay teams will both be competing in the ECAC championship meet at Bowdoin. Four individuals from the men's squad will be competing later this week as well. Butterhof, Dunn, Harrison, and Huling are expected to be very successful in the upcoming meet. These young men, in combination with Jay Russell '06 and Schwam on the relay squads, have been training all season for these last few, and most competitive, meets. "I'm sure our team will do really well in the upcoming meet," says freshman sprinter Scotty Chatham. "The guys have been preparing all season for these last few meets."

The selected members of the squad will travel to Brunswick ME to compete in the extremely competitive meet. The ECAC meet will kick-off in Brusnwick, Maine, at Bowdoin College on March 5 at 4:00 PM.

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Men's hoops bows out of tourney

Continentals lose to St. John Fisher, 98-83

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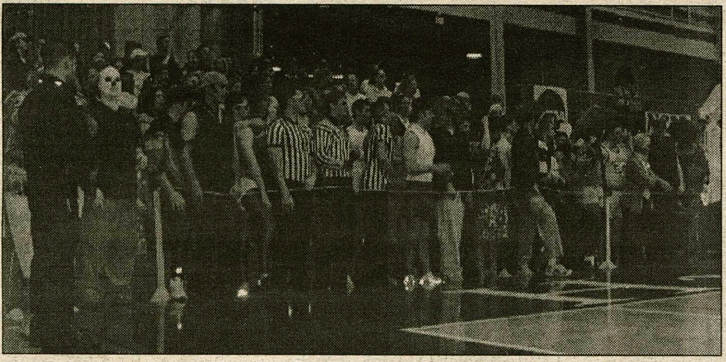
Hamilton battled St. John Fisher in front of a packed crowd in Scott Field House on Thursday night. The St. John Fisher fans showed up early and made plenty of noise during warm-ups, inspiring the entire Hamilton crowd to spend most of the game standing. Both crowds had plenty to cheer for as the teams battled to the end, with St. John Fisher emerging victorious 90-83.

"This was by far the best crowd we've played in front of in my fours years here," commented Greg Leone '04. "They came in and their fans were great early, but our fans picked it up and we feed off of them. This was a great crowd, and they deserved a win tonight."

Head coach Tom Murphy had his own thoughts on the crowd tonight. "We have great fans, the best in Division III, but they wouldn't show up if our players weren't great kids. Fans don't show up to see good teams if the kids are jerks; they show up



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The Dawg Pound was the sixth man at home all year.

to root for great kids. We have great players on this team, but they're also great kids. Our crowd was awesome, because our players play god basketball. And our players play well in front of that crowd."

St. John Fisher came out hot, hitting its first three shots in building a 24-15 lead 8 minutes into the game. Hamilton responded with a 15-2 run to take a 30-26 lead with 8 minutes left in the half. The Cardinals stayed hot, however, and hit nine of sixteen threes in the first half to take a 49-41 lead into the break. Nick Bennett led St. John Fisher with 13 points and seven rebounds in the half. Joe Smith had seventeen points and five rebounds at the break. The difference in scoring was due to 10 offensive rebounds by St. John Fisher College.

The Cardinals came out hot to start the second half as well, and quickly built the lead as big as 13 with only fifteen minutes to play. But the Continentals would not go away, and slowly chipped away at the lead cutting it to 82-77 on a Greg Leone three with two minutes remaining. The final two minutes of the game came down to free throw shooting and a tough miss by Tim Welchons. Welchons hit a three with 42 seconds remaining to keep the lead at four, and added two more to cut the lead to three with 18 seconds remaining. St. John Fisher hit one of two free throws to keep Hamilton in the game. Welchons came back down and used a high screen to get down the lane and get fouled on his shot. The shot went in and out, keeping Welchons from having a chance for a three-point play to cut the lead to one.

"If that shot had gone down," said coach Murphy, "I think we would have been able to tie that game up. We just didn't get a few rolls tonight, and if we had, things may have been different."

St. John Fisher iced the game at the free throw line and watched Hamilton miss a couple of threes in the closing seconds.

Smith led Hamilton with 26 points and eleven rebounds, and Tsakane Ngobeni '07 added twenty-two and ten. Welchons finished with seventeen points and four assists, and Leone had nine points and four assists. C.J. Cantil '04 finished with six points, eight rebounds, and three steals.

The loss brings the Hamilton careers of the five seniors and coach Murphy to a close. Smith felt honored yet saddened to end his career with coach.

"When we got here four years ago, we didn't expect this to be his last game. But we had a great run this season, and it's amazing to have been part of this tradition with coach Murphy. We would have liked to go a lot deeper in the tournament, but everyone here is a great team."

St. John Fisher coach Rob Kornaker, who was recruited out of high school by Murphy, also had mixed emotions about coach's last game. "I have known coach for a long time and I am sad to see his season end but thrilled to be moving on. This is a great team, and he has done so much for Division III basketball; I'm honored to have coach against him in his last game."

The Continentals powered its way into the big dance with remarkable performances in the UCAA Tournament at home last weekend. Hamilton's second straight conference title earned them an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament and they drew a first round home game against St. John Fisher College on Thursday night. Hamilton won at St. John Fisher last year in the second round of the tournament before losing to eventual National Champs Williams College in the Sweet 16. Rochester, number three in the nation, is waiting patiently for St. John Fisher.

Head coach Tom Murphy did not seem too concerned with the unfortunate seeding Hamilton drew, which puts them on potentially the most difficult trail of any team to the Final Four.

"If you win in the first round, you have some momentum going into the second," said Murphy. "If you get the bye, you have to wait to see who you play. We're playing well right now, so we have a chance to stay hot in the early rounds. We're happy to have one more home game in front of our great crowd."

The Continentals repeated as UCAA Champions with a pair of dramatic and impressive victories at home last weekend. Hamilton defeated Clarkson 79-68 in the semifinal Friday night, and beat RPI 104-93 in the tournament final on Saturday. RPI defeated St. Lawrence Friday night in the other semifinal game, 77-71. Both Hamilton wins came in front of a packed house in Scott Field House.

The UCAA Championship game started out in a blowout in more ways than one. Hamilton hit three of its first four three-pointers while building a 9-4 lead 3:31 into the game, and then the first blowout occurred. An electrical failure caused several lights in the Field House to go out, and the game was halted for 15 minutes to try to correct the problem. Eventually, both teams agreed that the lighting was sufficient, and the game continued. The delay didn't affect the hot shooting of either team much, as the score was tied at 25-25 with 11 minutes to play in the first half.

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Greg Leone (24) sets up the offense.

"The delay was unfortunate," said coach Murphy, "but both teams stayed warm and it didn't affect the shooting of either team that much. Both teams were playing in the same gym, so it didn't affect much. Its just something you have to deal with sometimes."

Mike Evans '05 came off the bench hot for the Continentals and hit six of seven three-point attempts to spark the Hamilton offense. Evans finished the half with eighteen points, and the Continentals led 54-42. Jared Hite led RPI with 24 points in the half, but only three of his teammates managed to score before the break. Hamilton hit 11-18 threes as a team in the half.

"They got so used to us playing man in the first half, and they started penetrating a lot and dishing it to Hite," said Joe Smith '04. "Then we switched to the zone for the final few minutes and it's not as easy to penetrate so we were able to get on a run before they adjusted."

Hamilton came out hot in the second half as well, and quickly built the lead to 20 at 64-44 just three minutes in. But then Hite took over and proceeded to pound Hamilton inside to start a 43-26 run that pulled RPI to within 3 at 90-87 with three minutes to play. But Hamilton once again kept its cool and leaned on seniors Joe Smith, Greg Leone, and C.J. Cantil. Cantil matched up against Hite and held him in check for long enough to allow Leone to ice the game with a long jumper and some free throws. Hamilton had a double-digit lead in the closing seconds and coach Murphy went to his bench to make substitutions for his seniors so they could get a standing ovation from the crowd as they left the game.

When the buzzer sounded to

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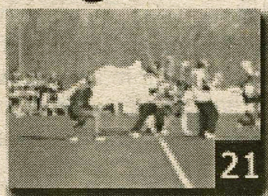

Hockey Playoffs